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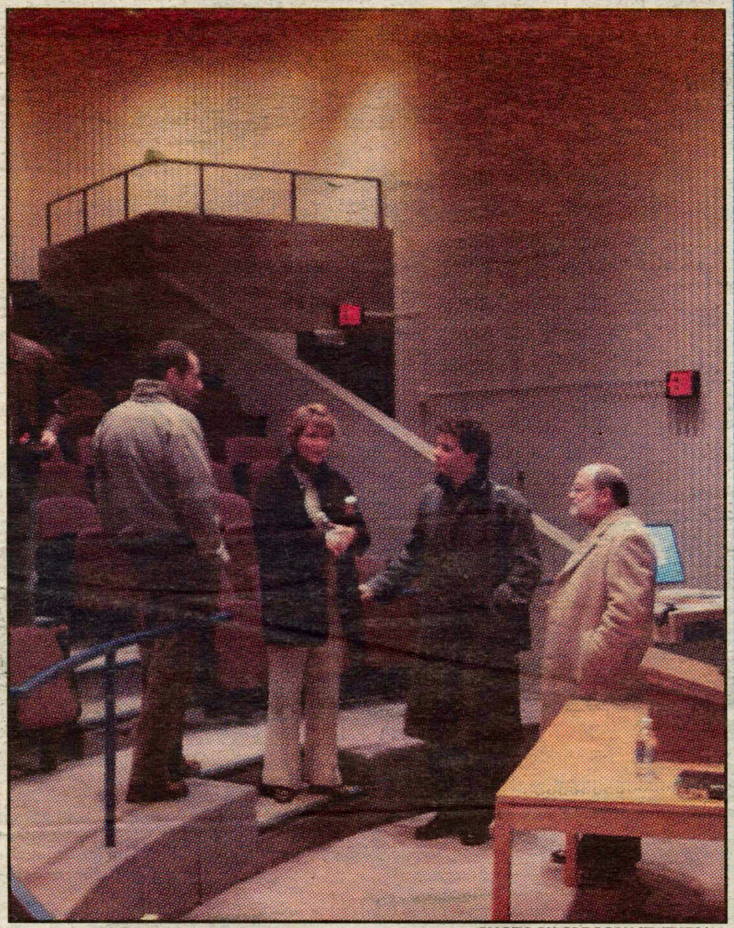

PHOTO BY GREGORY STATHES '07

The open meetings with the Dean of Faculty candidates ended yesterday with Timothy Austin. See page 2 for a complete description of the candidates.

Delta Upsilon upset over recently imposed sanctions

by Caitlin Rochford '06
News Editor

Dean of Students Nancy Thompson sent an all-campus e-mail announcing that sanctions had been placed on the Delta Upsilon (DU) fraternity on Friday February 10, 2006. According to the e-mail the sanctions were in response to the recent incidents in Milbank residence hall.

Conditions of the sanctions require that no member of DU live in Milbank and that no more than five members of the fraternity live in any single residence hall. This portion of the sanctions will go into effect for the duration of the next academic year. DU may also not pledge any new members until spring 2007. The third condition requires that DU "engage in a comprehensive review of the ideals defined in the Delta Upsilon charter and will propose actions to be taken by the organization that will promote a standard of behavior by members that lives up to these ideals." As part of this sanction, DU must submit a formal report of its review to Thompson, stating how it will enforce these standards, by May 15, 2006. Finally, the fraternity will not be allowed to host any social events on campus involving alcohol until January 2007.

The sanctions came one week after Milbank residence hall suffered what many have said was the worst damage of the year. In one weekend, two exterior doors were broken, as well as many exit signs. There were also reports of trash and trashcans being thrown out of windows, and a fight was said to have taken place outside of the dormitory.

Thompson assigned the sanctions after receiving the reports from Campus Safety. She said, "I considered these most recent incidents, the longer terms issues that have existed in Milbank, and identified the sanctions that I believe will address those issues." Thompson said that she discussed her decision with members of her staff and with President Joan Hinde Stewart. Associate Dean of Faculty Phil Klinkner said that he fully supports her decision.

DU and some other members of the Hamilton community believed that the sanctions were unfair, because they punish the entire fraternity, instead of just those members responsible for the recent incidents. DU Treasurer John Cooper '08 said, "We feel, as a fraternity, we were punished as a group, instead of as individuals."

When asked whether or not he believed that the sanctions were unfair, Assistant Director for

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The Delta Upsilon fraternity was recently publicly sanctioned for acts of vandalism in Milbank Hall.

Lecturer speaks on terrorism

by Kara Labs '09
News Writer

Alan Krueger, the Bendheim professor of economics and public affairs and director of the industrial relations section at Princeton University, presented a lecture on "The Economics of Terrorism" on Monday, February 13. The presentation, which was the first of the semester sponsored by the Levitt Public Affairs Center in its series "Responsibilities of a Superpower," was given to a crowded Hamilton College Chapel and lasted about an hour.

After citing several quotes from world leaders; including George and Laura Bush, Tony Blair and the Dahlia Lama; linking poverty to terrorism, Krueger explained that the link does not hold up. Countering the leaders' assertions that education was the key to ousting terrorism, Krueger explained that "Any effect of education and poverty on terrorism is indirect, complicated and probably weak." Defining terrorism as "Politically motivated violence by actors below state (sub-state) level," Krueger also provided evidence that linked hate crimes to economics. Krueger asserted that hate crimes are a close relative to terrorism because the victims are chosen based on the groups they affiliate with.

According to Krueger, people previously thought that hate crimes were directly related to the economy and how well it was doing. Recent studies have shown that not to be true. Apparently, hate crimes

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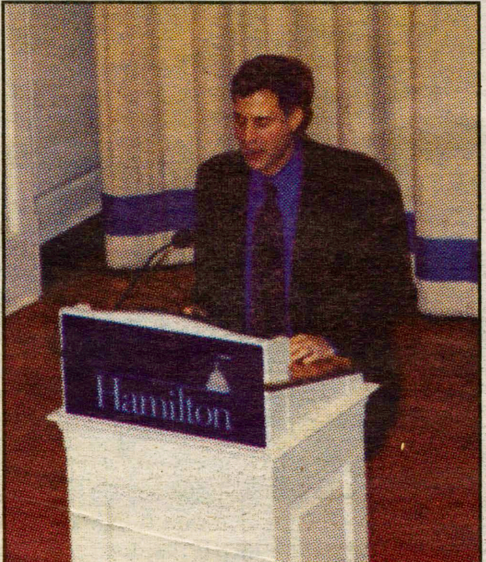

PHOTO BY MELISSA BALDING '09

Alan Krueger, professor of economics and public affairs at Princeton University, spoke about the connection between economics and terrorism.

Students participate in first round of speaking competition

by Alex Morgan '09
News Writer

Hamilton's Communications Department recently held the preliminary round of its annual Public Speaking Competition. Participants demonstrated their skills in three to five minute speeches evaluated by a panel of judges from the Oral Communications Department this past Saturday.

Students can compete for three different monetary prizes: the Warren Wright Prize, the McKinney Prize and the Clark Prize. The $3,000 Warren Wright Prize is the newest award and was established in honor of former faculty member Warren E. Wright, the Upson professor of rhetoric and oratory at Hamilton in 1993. Competitors must inform their audience about a topic that is currently relevant to society.

The $325 McKinney Prize, established in 1878, is awarded to one student in each class for a persuasive speech on an issue relevant to the Hamilton College community. Warren McKinney agreed to allow the college to use part of his estate for the prize money.

"To prepare for the competition I did extensive research on the web and read arguments on both sides of the issue," said freshman Brandon Lemos who spoke about the need to reform the United States government's No Child Left Behind policy. He argued that teachers and children with disabilities were left at a disadvantage by the policy and that it encourages too narrow of a focus in education.

The Clark Prize is the oldest of the public speaking awards. First established in 1859 by Aaron Clark, the $1,000 prize is given to the best speaker of the senior class and its topic changes each year. This year the

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Senior Alicia Giglio participates in the first round of the public speaking competition.

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Faculty members meet four remaining

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NEWS EDITOR

Over the course of the past few weeks Hamilton's students, faculty and administration have had the opportunity to meet the four finalists in the search for the new Dean of the Faculty/Vice President for Academic Affairs (DoF/VPAA). William M. Spellman from the University of North Carolina at Asheville; Pamela J. Gunter-Smith from Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia; Joseph R. Urgo from the University of Mississippi and Timothy R. Austin from Creighton College in Omaha, Nebraska each spent a day and a half on the Hill getting to know Hamilton and meeting with different groups of faculty and administration as well as a pre-selected group of students. All were welcome to attend the scheduled open meetings with each candidate.

Professor of Biology Patrick Reynolds, who was in charge of the search committee for the DoF/VPAA, was pleased with the results of the candidates' visits to campus. He felt that their brief stays at the College were a success in both the eyes of those that met with them and those of the candidates themselves. "I think they all represented themselves well," he commented.

According to Reynolds, each candidate had an extremely busy day and a half spent on campus. Their visits centered mainly around meetings, but also provided an opportunity for the candidates to become more familiar with the campus that one will soon be calling home. Reynolds discussed the variety of different faculty and administrative groups and individuals that each candidate met with, including President Stewart; the "officers of the College;" those groups that report directly to the DoF/VPAA, such as the staff of the library, the athletics department and the writing center; different groups of faculty members and several different committees, such as the Committee on Academic Policy, the Committee on Appointments and the Academic Counsel.

Each of the four candidates also met with a group of students who had been recommended by various faculty and administrative members. According to Reynolds, these student meetings had "fairly low attendance." He stated that at the last of these meetings, with Austin, only eight students responded to the e-mail soliciting their support, and of these eight only four attended.

Each candidate's visit included an open meeting, which the entire Hamilton Community was encouraged to attend. "We had 80 to 120 people there at any one meeting," said Reynolds. However, the meetings were comprised almost exclusively of members of the faculty and administration.

Regardless, Reynolds felt that the dialogue between those present and the candidates was positive and that the attendees asked lots of good questions and received proficient answers from the candidates.

According to Reynolds there has already been some feedback to the e-mail address provided for that specific purpose. All are encouraged to be active participants in the final decision that will be made by President Stewart by responding to the e-mail address "DFsearch." The deadline for responses is this coming Monday, February 20.

He stressed that the final decision is in the hands of President Stewart, who will be taking into consideration the feedback she receives from this e-mail address as well as the meetings. "The [search] committee does not make a recommendation [of who to select for the position] to the president," said Reynolds. Each member of the committee is of course able to give their individual feedback and impressions to Stewart, and has the added advantage of being more familiar with the candidates than most, but as a group they do not chose a candidate for recommendation.

When asked if there had been anyone who already works at Hamilton who applied for the position Reynolds declined to comment, but stated that "we [the search committee] welcomed applications from the internal."

Spellman, the current associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, answered questions from faculty and administrators at an open meeting on Tuesday, February 7. He captured the audience with his light sense of humor and entertaining stories of the joys and trials he has faced thus far as a professor and administrator. He provoked an eruption of laughter from the audience on more than one occasion.

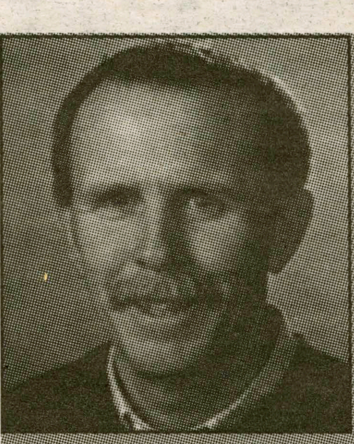
Spellman began by speaking with pride of his current post and college, citing its relatively small student body and emphasis on liberal arts as "a wonderful anomaly within the system [of public universities in North Carolina.]"

He discussed his initial aversion to becoming involved in administrative work, saying that he only took his first step (assuming a department chair position) because the current chair passed away and he was the next in line. He instead wanted to focus on teaching, but "surprisingly" found administrative work very "rewarding." Despite this transition, Spellman still teaches a class at Asheville currently.

When asked what the most difficult problem he had faced as an administrator so far was, Spellman thought for a moment and then quickly responded that it was "removing a department chair."

Spellman's passions center around undergraduate research and interdisciplinary teaching. When asked what he would do at Hamilton to improve interdisciplinary studies and encourage faculty members to teach outside of their areas of study, Spellman responded that he would focus on faculty recruitment of those who are excited to teach in more than one area. He spoke of hiring "people who came from a liberal arts background" who have a "love of the exchange of ideas," but commented that there was "no solution straight away" to the problem.

Spellman values consistent personal involvement with the



William M. Spellman

Current position:
Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Programs in Humanities, University of North Carolina at Asheville (2003 - present).

Education:
- BS 1978, Suffolk University, Boston, MA.
- MA 1981, Colonial American History, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.
- PhD 1986, Early Modern British History, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.

Past positions:
- Interim Dean of Curriculum, University of North Carolina at Asheville (2002 - 2003).
- National Endowment for the Humanities Professor and Director of Interdisciplinary Humanities, University of North Carolina at Asheville (2000 - 2002).
- Professor and Chair of History, University of North Carolina at Asheville (1998 - 2000).
- Associate Professor of History, University of North Carolina at Asheville (1994 - 1998).
- Assistant Professor of History, University of North Carolina at Asheville (1988 - 1994).

Honors:
- UNC-Asheville Division of Student Affairs, Faculty Appreciation Award, 1997.
- UNC-Asheville Feldman Professorship for Research, 1994.
- UNC-Asheville Distinguished teacher Award, 1993.
- Distinguished Dissertation Award, Syracuse University, 1986.

Pamela J. Gunter-Smith

Current position:
Porter Professor of Physiology, Department of Biology, Spelman College (1992 - present).

Education:
- BS 1973, Biology, Spelman College, Atlanta, GA.
- PhD 1978, Physiology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA.
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow 1978 - 1979, University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow 1979 - 1982, University of Texas, Medical School at Houston, Houston, TX.

Past positions:
- Associate Provost for Science and Mathematics, Spelman College (2002 - 2003).
- Chair of Biology, Spelman College (1992 - 2002).
- American Council on Education Fellow, University of Miami (2003 - 2004).
- Project Manager, Gastrointestinal Physiology, Physiology Department, Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute, National Naval Medical Center (1988 - 1992).
- Associate Professorial Lecturer in Physiology, The George Washington University Medical School (1986 - 1992).

Honors:
- 2005 Spelman College Alumnae Achievement Award in Health and Science.
- 21st Daniel T. Rolfe Scholars Memorial Heritage Lecturer, Meharry Medical College, 2003.
- Bush-Hewlett Administration Leadership Scholarship to attend HERS Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration, June - July 2001.

IVORY TOWERS

ATHENS, Ga. -- The University of Georgia mistakenly mailed out acceptance letters to more than 100 high school students.

The students received a congratulatory note and a bright red UGA banner last week, only to receive a follow-up letter Monday telling them they had not been accepted after all.

The students still could be admitted but might have to wait until April to find out, university officials said.

"Basically, someone picked up the wrong file and sent the wrong letter," UGA spokesman Tom Jackson said. "It was a mistake, and we are very, very sorry."

The students were supposed to receive merely a notice thanking them for applying. Admissions officers have been busy fielding calls from confused students and parents.

Natalia Prada-Rey, a senior at St. Pius X Catholic High School in Atlanta, was one of the students who got an acceptance letter. She said she promptly went to a basketball game and told her friends that she got in.

"I told everybody," she said.

The second letter said the admissions staff was "very sorry if this caused you any confusion."

NATIONAL NEWS

MADISON, Wis. -- A man convicted of keeping his dead mother in a freezer for years was indicted Wednesday on a federal charge accusing him of illegally collecting thousands of dollars of her Social Security benefits after she died.

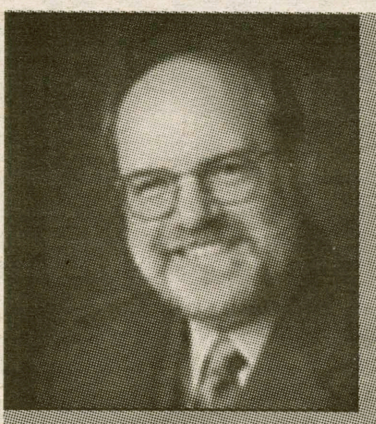
A federal grand jury also indicted Philip Schuth on charges of possessing a sawed-off shotgun and homemade cluster bombs, Assistant U.S. Attorney Dan Graber said.

The indictment alleges Schuth defrauded the Social Security Administration of $35,690 meant for his mother and built 19 bombs by packing glass and plastic aspirin bottles with gunpowder, nails and staples that would act as flying shrapnel upon detonation.

Schuth, 53, faces up to 25 years in federal prison if convicted on the three counts.

He already is serving a seven-year sentence in state prison as the result of a standoff with police in April at his home on French Island, just outside La Crosse. It was during the standoff that officers found the frozen body.

candidates for Dean of Faculty position



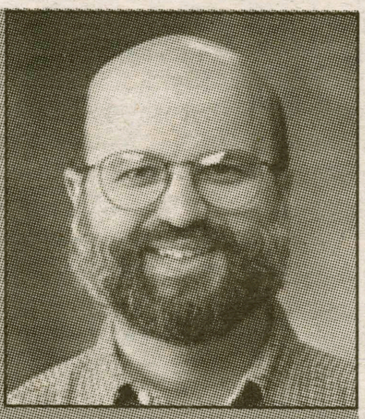
Timothy R. Austin

Current position:
Dean, Creighton College of Arts and Sciences, and Professor of English, Creighton University (2001 - present).

Education:
- BA 1973, English Language and Literature, Honors, First Class, Lincoln College, Oxford University, United Kingdom, Degree converted to MA in 1978.
- PhD 1977, Linguistics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.

Past positions:
- Professor of English, Loyola University (1994 - 2001), *Chairperson of the Department (1996 - 2001), Assistant Chairperson of the Department (1994 - 1996), Acting Chairperson of the Department (Fall 1994).*
- Associate Director of University Research Services and Associate Dean of the Graduate School, Loyola University (1985 - 1990).
- Associate Professor, English Department, Loyola University (1983 - 1994), *Assistant Chairperson of the Department (1992 - 1994), Loyola University Rome Center for the Liberal Arts (1984 - 1985), Awarded academic tenure (1984).*

Honors:
- One-semester leave-of-absence with pay for the improvement of teaching, Loyola University, 1996.
- One-semester leave-of-absence with pay for research, Loyola University, 1990.
- Summer Research Grant, Loyola University, 1983.



Joseph R. Urgo

Current position:
Professor and Chair, Department of English, The University of Mississippi (2000 - present).

Education:
- BA 1978, Political Science, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
- MALS 1982, Wesleyan University Graduate Liberal Studies Program, Middletown, CT.
- MA 1982, American Civilization, Brown University, Providence, RI.
- PhD 1985, American Civilization, Brown University, Providence, RI.

Past positions:
- Professor of English and Humanities, Bryant College (1996 - 2000), *Department Chair (1995 - 2000).*
- Associate Professor of English and Humanities, Bryant College (1991 - 1996).
- Assistant Professor of English and Humanities, Bryant College (1989 - 1991).
- Andrew W. Mellon Fellow in Americana Studies and Assistant Professor of English, Vanderbilt University (1986 - 1989).
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of English, Syracuse University (1985 - 1986).

Honors:
- Phi Kappa Phi, inducted 2002.
- Honorary membership, Golden Key Society, 2000.
- Distinguished Faculty Award, Bryant College Alumni Association, 2000.
- Bryant College Merit Award (1992, 1994, 1999), Scholarship Award (1996). Research Grant (1992, 1998).

faculty in order to do his job correctly. He stressed that he was not a huge fan of telephone calls or e-mail and preferred to meet with people in person.

He also recounted an interesting story in response to an accusation by the drama department at Asheville that he didn't properly understand exactly what they did for the college community: Spellman auditioned for their next production and received a small role. He attended nightly practices and afterwards felt a deeper sense of involvement and that the "department felt he did go the extra mile to get to know [them]."

Spellman was attracted to Hamilton because of its "private small class size," "intensive advising" and historic "values system."

Gunter-Smith began her session on Thursday, February 9, by introducing herself to the faculty. Gunter-Smith hails originally from Nashville, TN. During her career, two accomplishments that she has been proud of are increasing the retention rate and number of graduates and helping to plan for the building of a new science center at Spelman College in Atlanta, GA, the institution where she is currently employed. Gunter-Smith said that she entered the administrative track because she wanted to "work on issues that are more broadly-based than my faculty position."

Gunter-Smith expounded on her reasons for wanting to work at Hamilton College. "This institution is at a spot where it can do things others can't do," she said. "You can be innovators." Of her trip to Central New York, Gunter-Smith joked, "I'm enjoying the weather. I thought I saw a blizzard, but I'm told that wasn't one."

When asked what direction Hamilton can go in the future, Gunter-Smith commented, "I don't think I know you well enough to say yet. One very clear observation I have made is the need for lines of communication, especially between the Dean of Faculty and the faculty. I don't know yet how I would do that."

Gunter-Smith was asked to speak about her view of the role of diversity in the liberal arts. She said, "We all agree that diverse points of view bring a richness that is essential if you're going to have an intellectual discussion." She also said that working toward a diverse college community is "just the right thing to do," commenting that the community should reflect the diversity of the area in which we live.

One professor asked her to speak about her academic interests outside of the sciences and include one recent book that she has read. Gunter-Smith said she has helped to remake the curricula in many different departments. She is currently in the process of reading "Wicked." She commented, "If you want someone who's a great intellectual, who reads a lot of intellectual books, that's not me."

Gunter-Smith also spoke about the importance of being an advocate for the faculty, cultivating junior faculty members and continuing faculty scholarship.

An open meeting was held with Urgo, the present chair of the English department at the University of Mississippi, on Monday, February 13.

He stressed the importance of diversity on campuses, stating that it is necessary to have an "atmosphere in which students become very comfortable dealing with people very different from themselves" and mentioning the success of minority student and faculty recruiting at his current institution.

He referred to the faculty as "the heart and soul of the community," and later went on to discuss the importance of faculty balancing their work teaching, conducting scholarship and providing service to the college community.

A question regarding how he would respond to a student's outrage over a faculty member burning an American flag in a classroom or hanging a Confederate flag on a classroom door to further discussion evoked an interesting response. Urgo spoke of the delicate line that students should be pushed towards in teaching, but cautioned that once that line is crossed and a student becomes outraged and offended, that it is highly unlikely that learning will occur and he/she will be able to focus on anything but his/her outrage.

However he continued by discussing "protecting the sacredness of the classroom space" and making it clear that he felt free speech should be valued above all in the classroom. He stated that "free inquiry is an absolute" and that "academic freedom is supposed to defend that."

In response to questions regarding Hamilton's requirement-free curriculum Urgo commented that he was "no stranger to it" and feels that it "attracts the best students."

Urgo went on to say that he felt Hamilton was one of a kind in terms of its "unique level of collaboration between faculty and students."

The open meeting for Austin was held on Thursday, February 16. Austin comes originally from outside of London. One of his proudest accomplishments was revamping the English curriculum at Creighton College. "I enjoyed it because it felt like we had created something better," he commented.

Of his reasons for applying for the position, Austin said, "Hamilton appeals to me partly because of its single, focused mission. I respect Hamilton's tradition of longevity and excellence."

Austin said that his best administrative decision was to separate the computer science department from the math department at Creighton. He said this was an important accomplishment on his part because his superiors originally opposed the change, but after listening to the faculty's arguments, he was able to convince his bosses that it was the right decision. "I value input and I'm willing to argue with my peers and my superiors," he said.

When asked about his strategic plan for Hamilton, Austin commented, "If what you want is someone who will come in already with a vision, then don't hire me. My job will be to listen and understand and then develop a vision."

Austin also spoke about the importance of faculty-student relations and about his belief that the crux of the liberal arts education is to force the mind to stretch. "The point of the liberal arts is to free the mind, stretch the mind, into areas it's not used to, using muscles you're not used to," he said. "We want students to learn in different ways to do different things. The diversity of the liberal arts is the good part, not the problem."

Austin also mentioned that he was responsible for removing the core requirements from the honors program at Creighton. He said that once the school realized that it worked, he hoped they would do the same for the rest of the programs.

Reynolds commented that all of the candidates were "very cordial and expressed a real honor to be considered for the position... they all had a very high regard for Hamilton's reputation." "They felt that no matter the decision, they were pleased to have come and learned more about Hamilton," he went on to say.

Reynolds also said that "a two week period would be the minimum," before Stewart makes the final decision for DoF/VPAA. The selected candidate will assume his/her new position July 1.

WORLD NEWS

TEHRAN, Iran -- Iranians love Danish pastries, but when they look for the flaky dessert at the bakery they now have to ask for "Roses of the Prophet Muhammad."

Bakeries across the capital were covering up their ads for Danish pastries Thursday after the confectioners' union ordered the name change in retaliation for caricatures of the Muslim prophet published in a Danish newspaper.

"Given the insults by Danish newspapers against the prophet, as of now the name of Danish pastries will give way to 'Rose of Muhammad' pastries," the union said in its order.

"This is a punishment for those who started misusing freedom of expression to insult the sanctities of Islam," said Ahmad Mahmoudi, a cake shop owner in northern Tehran.

One of Tehran's most popular bakeries, "Danish Pastries," covered up the word "Danish" on its sign with a black banner emblazoned "Oh Hussein," a reference to a martyred saint of Shiite Islam. The banner is a traditional sign of mourning.

The shop owner declined to comment Thursday.

Some call DU sanctions unfair punishments

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Residential Life for the South Campus Travis Hill said, "I feel like this one incident is looked at as though it's an individual occurrence. There were still enough other minor incidents that I see the need to address the entire organization, as well as the individuals responsible."

Director of Residential Life Jeff Landry agreed. "There have been other issues involving DU members," Landry said. "I think that Dean Thompson's e-mail made sense. It was a public incident that required a public response. People needed to know that it was dealt with quickly and fairly."

DU members also argue that the sanctions are too severe. Cooper said, "As far as the sanctions are concerned, they are overly harsh." Of the sanctions regarding pledging, Cooper stated, "By not allowing pledges, [the school] is punishing the young men who wanted to pledge." Cooper noted that many members of the fraternity become involved in extracurricular activities at Hamilton because of their association with DU.

Cooper also mentioned that he thought the housing sanctions were unfair. "At a place like Hamilton," Cooper said, "there aren't that many dorms. The younger guys in the fraternity will get the shaft after the older guys get the good housing."

"We feel like we're being treated like second rate citizens," Cooper added.

Despite some complaints that the sanctions were unfair, Thompson defended her decision. "I feel that these sanctions will encourage the group to consider the ways that the organization has contributed to a negative environment in Milbank."

DU felt that the sanctions paint the fraternity in a bad light, and members are concerned that they have a reputation they do not deserve. "[The sanctions] hurt our reputation, which we have worked hard to change," Cooper said. "We've really cut back on breaking things and being a nuisance. Our goal would be to eventually totally cut out that behavior, but it's hard to have that reputation around you."

When asked how Thompson should have acted differently, Cooper said, "She should have given us a warning or punished us a little before. She let her frustration with us build, and then after these two incidents, she let the hammer drop."

DU President TJ Reynolds sent an all-campus e-mail in response to the sanctions stating that "Delta Upsilon does not condone or support acts of violence or vandalism." This e-mail was sent out on Wednesday, February 15. The e-mail continued, "We do not harbor or protect members of our soceity (sic) that violate Hamilton's regulations." Reynolds also noted that two DU members had come forward on the previous Friday to take responsibility for some of the damage that had occurred.

Director of Campus Safety Pat Ingalls confirmed this fact. She said that two members of DU had turned themselves in for the damage, but no one had come forward to take responsibility for the fight. Ingalls commented, "I don't think they got sanctioned because of the fight. It was an accumulation of complaints over a period of time."

Thompson said that while she wished that all of the individuals involved had turned themselves in, that was not a factor in making her decision. "While I believe individuals should take responsibility for their actions," she commented, "that does not let the group off the hook. What I heard clearly from the students who signed a petition was that they were tired of living in an environment where damage and disruptions were common occurrences. The group played a role in setting that tone and I decided it was time that the group lost the privilege of living together."

There was a Milbank Town Hall Meeting held on Monday to discuss the recent events. All residents of Milbank were asked to be present. According to Hill, enough people attended to fill most of the Red Pit.

According to students and administrators that attended, the meeting was a good forum for students to address their concerns. Ingalls said, "The meeting ended in a positive manner. It was open and honest. Students agreed to work on being more proactive about making the living environment in Milbank better."

Director of Residential Life Jeff Landry said that he thought the meeting went well, but did mention that it was "heated at points." He mentioned that an idea was raised to create "suite captains." A suite captain would be one resident chosen from each suite that would act as the liaison between suites in case of a conflict.

One topic that Hill said was discussed at the meeting was DU's intimidation of other Milbank residents. "Students that were [intimidating] didn't want to be," he said, "but they still were." Hill said that the meeting was successful overall because everyone there was positive and "wanted to move forward."

According to Dean Klinkner, the Alcohol Coalition will not be responding to this incident specifically, but will be discussing vandalism as a "continuing concern." The Alcohol Coalition did see copies of the student petition, Klinkner said, and it was discussed at last week's meeting.

Members of the administration will be paying close attention to see that the sanctions are followed. Thompson stated, "Further disciplinary action will be taken against the group and individual members that violate the sanctions. This could include permanent loss of recognition for the organization and separation from the College of individuals."

When asked if there will be an increased Campus Safety presence in Milbank, Ingalls said, "We're not adding staff, but we will be conduction more walk-throughs."

In terms of enforcement of the housing sanctions, Hill said that Residential Life was "brainstorming at this point." Hill did say that DU's housing would probably be monitored by making a notation on their stickers during the housing lottery this spring.

At this week's Inter-Society Council (ISC) meeting, the group discussed what the sanctions mean for Greek life on campus. ISC President Dan Fielding '07 said, "We were most upset with the sanctions because we felt that an entire group was being overly punished for the actions of a few individuals." ISC will be drafting a letter to voice their concerns to Dean Thompson and will also be reinstating the ISC Judicial Board, so that the societies have the ability to hold each other accountable.

Another apparent fight broke out near Milbank this past weekend as well. The assailants were apparently not members of DU, according to Cooper. Ingalls said that she could not comment because the fight was still under investigation.

Levitt Center hosts lecturer

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usually occur in areas where there is a breakdown of law enforcement and a higher level of education. Krueger completed a study about ten years ago on anti-foreigner violence in Germany in order to look at hate crimes more closely.

Krueger also asserted that support of terrorism plays a large part in terrorism itself. He directly surveyed Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip in 2001 and asked many questions concerning their opinions of terrorism. One question asked of the group surveyed was if it was justifiable to use terrorism to achieve political goals. Approximately one-third of them said that it could be justified. Another question asked if Israeli attacks have achieved Palestinian rights and approximately 50 percent said yes.

When asked if armed attacks against Israeli targets were right, 80 percent of employed Palestinians surveyed supported them and 70 percent of the unemployed surveyed supported them. This study revealed that between the educated and the uneducated or the employed and unemployed concerning terrorism, almost everyone had the same opinion. Krueger also surveyed people who participated in terrorism. Across the board, most of the people who are involved have money. According to him, only 12 percent of participants in terrorist activity live in poverty.

Krueger labeled his findings as "Robin Hood Terrorism." The educated and wealthy aid their less fortunate neighbors by committing acts of terrorism to try and improve their lives. Krueger stated that countries that were less impoverished generally seemed to be the targets of terrorist attacks. He also found that occupying nations were targets and occupied nations were the sources of the attacks.

Krueger also described his June 2004 effort, along with colleague David Latum, to study the Cross Country Analysis: Patterns of Global Terrorism, a U.S. Department of State Federal document. While examining the report, they discovered a few things missing. Ultimately, they wrote an article in the *Washington Post* asserting that the government had produced a faulty terror report card. The government had deliberately excluded things in the report in order to make it look like they had been cracking down on terror, when in reality, terrorist attacks had gone up. The story made national news and eventually Colin Powell went on air to apologize and set things straight.

Krueger concluded that terrorism and poverty have little to do with each other. But, he found that there seems to be a link between terrorism and education, wealth, knowledge and opinion. Therefore reducing poverty will not halt global terror.

Krueger is the author of "Education Matters: A Selection of Essays on Education" and co-author of "Myth and Measurement: The New Economics of the Minimum Wage." He has received many awards, including The Kershaw Prize by the Association for Public Policy and Management in 1997 and the Mahalanobis Memorial Medal by the Indian Economic Society in 2001. He is also the editor of the Journal of the European Economic Association. You can visit his website at www.kruger.princeton. edu.

Speaking awards to be given soon

*from **Public Speaking**, page 1*

topic asked seniors what they would do differently if they were entering Hamilton again as freshmen.

Senior Alicia Giglio is competing for both the Warren Wright and Clark Prizes. "For the Warren Wright Prize I chose the bird flu as my topic because it was interesting to me, is a serious current issue, and neither I or anyone I spoke to knew much about it."

Speeches are evaluated on a scale of one to five in eight different areas: topic, engagement, organization, development, ethos, delivery, style and purpose. One is the worst score and five is the best possible score a participant can receive.

"The most effective speeches provide a new and interesting perspective," said Oral Communication Center Co-Director James Helmer, "They don't just cover old ground." Helmer serves as an oral communications coach.

Helmer, along with the Oral Communications Center's staff of seven tutors, worked with a number of the competitors on their speeches. Helmer and his student staff help students make their speeches interesting and engaging to an audience.

Sophomore Marco Allodi competed for the McKinney Prize. "I argued that every student should study science at some point in their education." Allodi believes that the United States owes its economic and political success in the last 50 years to science.

In the case of the Clark Prize, the participants submit an essay on the topic for the preliminary round and then the best essays are presented as speeches in the finals.

Every speech in the final round is recorded and each winner receives a copy of his or her recorded speech on DVD. Judges in the final round are selected from staff, faculty, administration and alumni volunteers.

"We are very appreciative of the commitment of anyone who volunteers his or her afternoon to judge the competition," said Associate Professor of Communication Catherine Phelan, the coordinator of the event. The Communications Department offers workshops for the judges to discuss the protocol for the competition.

This year's finalists for the Warren Wright prize are seniors Alicia Giglio, Eric Goulding and Justin Parker. McKinney finalists are freshmen Colin Forwood, Brandon Lemos and Stuart Lombardi; sophomores Marco Allodi, Britt Freitag and Jovan Livada; juniors Michael Blasie, Neal Frei and Ben Lee; and seniors Matt Colman, Jonathan Kuhl and Keith Tyler. Clark finalists are Amanda Besinger, Matthew Colman, Katrina Fredlund and Alicia Giglio.

The Public Speaking Competition final round will be held on March 4 p.m. in the Chapel. Phelan is impressed with Hamilton students' commitment to the competition. "In the last five years of the competition, Hamilton students have become more proficient in their speeches and I appreciate the ways in which they have made this tradition their own."

The Spectator

There are many things that define Hamilton College, from the social life, to the extracurricular opportunities to the beautiful scenery. But above all, the rigorous academic climate, an atmosphere that prepares students for a successful future, is what makes the Hamilton we know. Soon, the College will select a new Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs (DOF/VPAA) from the four finalists announced last week. The individual selected will replace David Paris, a dedicated scholar who has devoted his life to this institution. This man or woman will become the highest academic officer of the College and the leader of our outstanding faculty.

Before we announce our endorsement, The Spectator would like to express concern over the four candidates selected as finalists. While we understand that these individuals have emerged from a rigorous search process that has likely included a large number of applicants, The Spectator worries that the finalists lack a connection to Hamilton College that could easily be found in countless Hamiltonian professors and administrators. The finalists hail from the University of Mississippi, the University of North Carolina at Asheville, Creighton University and Spelman College. These schools are all inherently different from our beloved Hamilton, not only in their lesser levels of academic rigor, but in their student bodies and in the overall experience offered by each. We feel that asking any of these four to step in and take the reigns of the faculty and of our academic program will pose a significant challenge, for Hamilton is a unique school with an extraordinarily talented faculty and a superior student body. Simply put, we are unsure that any of the finalists have the experience to take over for Dean Paris.

Dean Paris has taught at Hamilton since 1979 and has been an administrator here for nearly a decade. He has an intricate understanding of Hamilton's brand of liberal arts and of the intricacies that distinguish Hamilton from other schools. Although we are unsure if any internal candidates applied, The Spectator wishes that the search committee had chosen a member of our faculty, a top notch scholar and teacher already familiar with our intimate community. Not only would Hamilton be assured of finding a quality candidate had it looked in-house, but we would have found a candidate with an established love for our institution.

Acknowledging that the Search Committee has already narrowed its list of finalists and that one will ultimately assume the position of DOF/VPAA, it is common sense that Hamilton should hire the most distinguished of the four. After closely examining the credentials of all four finalists and observing them in person, The Spectator's editorial board urges the Search Committee and President Joan Hinde Stewart to select William Spellman from the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

A professor of history and an associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, we believe Spellman is the best of the four finalists. We admire the dedication he has shown while managing faculty members at UNC-Asheville, his commitment to teaching, his desire to communicate personally and genuinely with colleagues and his support for an interdisciplinary curriculum and undergraduate research. The author of eight books and numerous articles and papers, Spellman has established himself in the world of academia. Having served as a department chair, an interim dean and a vice-chancellor, we are also impressed with his administrative experience. Although he has spent the past eighteen years at a school quite different from Hamilton, we believe he is clearly the best choice among the finalists. We hope the Search Committee and President Stewart will take these factors into consideration and make the correct choice.

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Study habits at Hamilton

What differentiates the A+ student from the C one

by Rebecca Griffith '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

It's late Sunday night, and as one looks around the common room and peers into the open doors around the dorm, one views students in various states of educational frenzy. These sights bring rise to the question: What are the typical Hamilton student's study habits?

Interestingly, it's been found that most students on campus fall into one of three study categories.

Overachiever

First there is the obsessive overachiever. We all know this student and find that we loathe, admire and well, loathe them. The overachiever has already written their thesis.

Yes, okay, they haven't officially declared a major. That's why they've written several theses. Better safe than sorry, right?

This is the kid in your class that does their ten page paper the day it's assigned then proceeds to bother you with tiny nitpicky details about their work:

Questions that you couldn't possibly answer because you haven't even thought about thinking about starting.

Sure their blood pressure is through the roof due to the unnecessary stress of needing to have that assignment done two weeks in advance, and yet the assignment is done.

They need silence, absolute dead quiet, and are prepared to viciously comment at those people who are foolish enough to listen to music and work at the same time.

They've also been known to attack those in the hall making a ruckus at the ungodly hour of ten. The overachiever can be identified by their perky face and jaunty smile the day a big assignment is due.

Adequate Achiever

The adequate achiever is the student that starts that big paper a couple of days before it's due.

They'll probably get confused at an idea, be lured into watching reruns of "The Simpson" or "Sex and the City," whatever the preference. Usually they'll type while listening to some music, get distracted by a two hour dinner, write some more then go on to facebook.com.

They finally finish with a day left to review their work and wonder what the heck it was they were trying to write in paragraph three.

Often these are the kids that try to combine studying with athletics, studying with eating, studying with IMing or the ever elusive studying with sleeping.

On the day a big assignment is due, these kids will stride in a few minutes before class, paper in hand to be handed in before returning to the stupor of yet another eight-thirty class.

Persistent Procrastinator

Finally, there is the persistent procrastinator. We all know and love this kid, mainly because they make us feel better about ourselves.

The procrastinator knows they have work, knows they should do the work and then doesn't. It makes us smile every time. There is something almost beautiful in the art that is procrastination.

First comes convincing oneself that there is plenty of time. Next, comes distracting oneself from the idea of work.

This can be done with napping, reality television, facebook.com, sports, video games, facebook.com, text messaging or facebook.com.

Then comes the scrambled rush at one o'clock the night before the assignment is due, after swearing all day it was time to buckle down.

The true art comes that day in class where the procrastinator creates such masterpieces as, "My printer didn't work," "I e-mailed it to you" and "Notice that mine is stapled, that shows effort."

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Whatever your studying preference may be, we are all united at Hamilton College in the quest for educational excellence and a dream that one day the procrastinator, achiever and overachiever will have a day when all work shall cease and rejoicing will reign.

We shall call it Thursday, and it shall be for upperclassmen only. Sorry freshmen, next semester.

Health Center: not what it used to be

Olivier Perrachon '09
Insights & Ideas Contributor

Student health centers on any given college campus are always tainted with a bad reputation. You might hear brash remarks such as "The nurses gave me salt instead of Tylenol for my headache!" or perhaps "The nurses have no idea what they are doing."

I had heard these comments around campus. This situation had me perplexed to the point where I sometimes even lost sleep. One day, I finally decided to strike out into the field and sit down one on one with veteran registered nurse of 24 years, Diann Lynch at the Thomas Brown Rudd Health Center. She explained to me that in the past, the student health service was unrecognizable from what it is today.

Prior to a dramatic change in 1992, the health service was open 24 hours a day seven days a week with a nurse on call at all times and a doctor whose practice was at the college. The health center operated under an "infirmary model" with beds available to sick students day and night.

According to Nurse Lynch, a recurring problem was that the number of students taking advantage of the Health Center and staying overnight for minor issues, such as insomnia and headaches. While there was a lot of mothering going on, the system proved wasteful and inefficient. According to Nurse Lynch, "there would be nights when I would be only reading a book." At the time, the EMT program, now currently run by Nurse Lynch, was not very well organized and the technicians not sufficiently trained.

In 1992, the Student Health Center enacted changes to render the center more effective and cost efficient. In addition to eliminating the "infirmary model," consultations with nurses and doctors became only available on an appointment basis.

The center established new hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. In addition, doctors are now only available for consultations on Mondays and Thursdays.

The brunt of the criticism for the switch stemmed from students who were used to being able to visit a doctor at any time of day. Now, complaints focus on the center being closed on weekends. No morning after pills are available on Sundays!

The health center has responded by implementing a very rigorous EMS program that produces very qualified student EMTs and offers a free ride to the hospital in Utica in cooperation with Campus Safety. During the week, nurses will also perform tests for pregnancy, AIDS and meningitis.

According to Nurse Lynch, the Thomas Brown Rudd Health Center is "a smooth operation" equipped with a loving group of women who truly care for Hamilton students' health.

Thumbs up

- Hitting on girls at the pub with huge sharpie genitalia all over your face.

- Wally getting 6 points for public urination after being overserved at yesterday's beer tasting.

- Hamilton Dems Week: Mon-Complain about Bush; Tues-Host abortion clinic; Wed-Complain about Bush.

- Powder Puff Football: We hope it's still happening.

- Spirituality and beer: Wow the Christian Fellowship is really making progess from washing laundry.

Thumbs down

- Underclassmen at pub lunch.

- DU Sanctions: Blaming 40 for the stupidity of 2.

- Insulting the comedian on Saturday night.

- Harry Whittington: Being the first person to be shot by a vice president since Alexander Hamilton.

- Thursday's karaoke night: Starring Tumbling After.

- Hamilton administration screwing the Sailing Team once again.

by Jesse Gaylord '06 and Dan Horowitz '06

Who cares

- Vagina Monologues: Yours might be a rose, a house, or a rabbit, but it is still not getting any loving tonight.

- FebFest Dating Auction.

- Finance, entrepreneur, investing, business and stockbroking clubs: We know the cash register is hard to work at Wendy's.

- Your fabulous Valentine's Day Date: He's only in it for the sex.

- "Calling all women of Science:" Stay at home on weekends.

The dedicated embedded news reporter

What certain people will do to tell a story to their readers and viewers.

by Chris Bouton '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

On January 7, 2006, Iraqi insurgents kidnapped Christian Science Monitor reporter Jill Carroll who was on her way to interview Adnan al-Dulaimi, a prominent Sunni politician.

Since that day, Ms. Carroll has appeared in three videos released to the Middle Eastern press. In the latest video, her kidnappers set a deadline of February 26 for the resolution of her situation.

According to the Committee to Protect Journalists, sixty-one journalists have died since the beginning of the U.S. invasion in March 2003. This figure does not include journalists like NBC's David Bloom or the *Boston Globe*'s Elizabeth Neuffer who were not killed in combat.

Sixty one journalist deaths falls slightly behind the number killed during the Vietnam conflict and World War II, 63 and 69 respectively.

Ms. Carroll is not the only victim of kidnapping in Iraq, nor will she be the last, but it is important to highlight her story and the stories of those like her so that we can be cognizant of the true cost of the Iraq war.

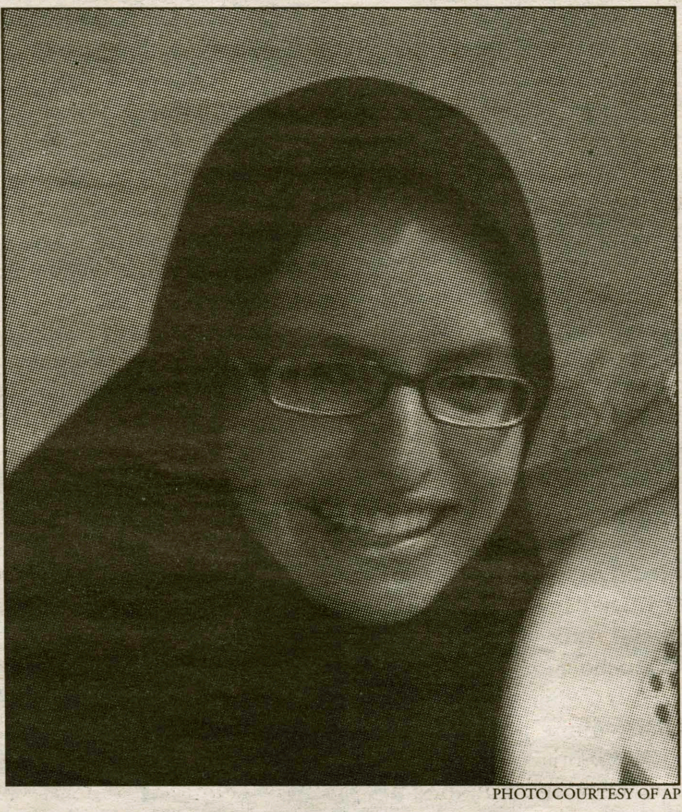
Ms. Carroll had been reporting from Iraq since 2003. She works as a free lance journalist and has recently contributed to the Boston based *Christian Science Monitor*.

She previously wrote for the *Jordan Times* and worked as a reporting assistant at the Wall Street Journal.

Since her kidnapping, many international and Iraqi groups have pleaded for her release.

The Baghdad newspaper *New Sabah* has run editorials and front page stories pleading for her release. One such headline read, "She loves Iraq.

Now she needs your help."



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Jill Carroll, kidnapped reporter.

In a statement after the kidnapping the militant group Hamas asked for Carroll's release stating that, "Hamas is against the kidnapping of innocent people, of foreigners who are guests in the Arab countries, and those who introduce humanitarian services and help for the Arab people - and for any people in general - especially when they are not interfering in internal Arab affairs."

The international group Reporters Without Borders has held numerous rallies around Europe pleading for Ms. Carroll's release.

Other groups and individuals pleading for Ms. Carroll's release include the Iraqi Accordance Front, the Iraqi Islamic Party, the Muslim Scholars Association, the Muslim Brotherhood Association and Sattam Hameed Farhan al-Gaood, a former senior official in Saddam Hussein's government who was released from detention by the U.S. in December.

One of Carroll's friends in Baghdad, who maintains a blog titled "24 Steps to Liberty," explained Ms. Carroll's feelings on Iraq and its people, "She sympathized with its sufferings and committed to tell the truth.

"When I talked to her about how the Iraqis live, she always cried. She cried for the sufferings of Iraq more than Iraqis. She has the nicest heart in this world.

"When I blamed Iraqis for what is happening in the country, she said 'don't blames [sic] the Iraqis. You should blame the governments for what they do.'"

We can debate the merits of the Iraq War all we want and think ourselves properly informed. We can have political pundits holler at cameras on the 24 hour news networks.

We can hear words from Ann Coulter that would make a fascist blush, and we can listen to James Carville and Paul Begala hawk their latest feeble book.

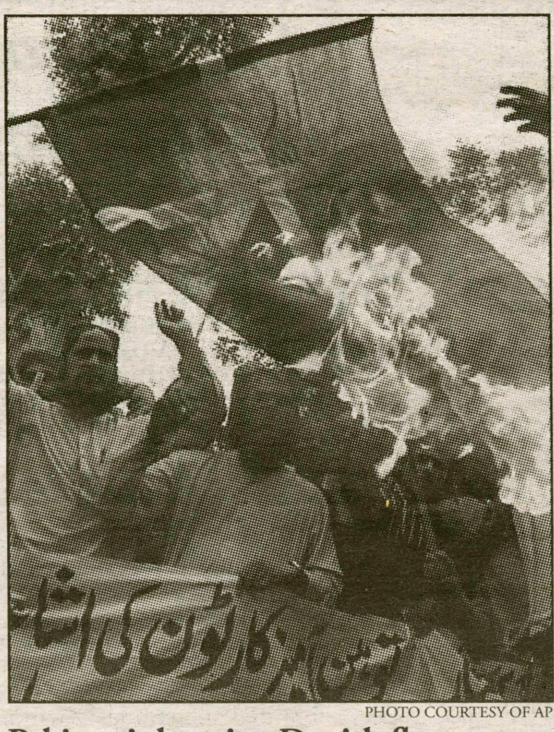
We do not hear enough about the stories of people like Jill Carroll, whose compassion and caring most of us will never know.

It is people like Ms. Carroll who will be affected by this war long after the war ends and American troops come home.

Cartoon sparks question: Freedom of the press vs. fundamentalist Muslim religious sanctity

by Victoria Schacht '08
Insights & Ideas Contributor

At this point hardly a news-reading individual has missed the cartoon controversy overtaking both Europe and the Muslim world. Political cartoons published September 2005 in the Danish newspaper *Jyllands-Posten* depict undeniably offensive images of the Muslim prophet Muhammad. The Islamic faith strictly prohibits any visual representation of the "first and last Prophet," so both the newspaper and the Danish government have met with protests, violence and boycotts in Middle Eastern countries. Protesters in Pakistan and Afghanistan have died in often-violent demonstrations. Large Danish flag-burning demonstrations have happened in several countries, and Indonesia announced an upcoming boycott of Danish goods. The furor erupting from recent attention to the cartoons has yet to approach any sort of resolution, and I believe both freedom-toting Westerners and radical Islamists bear some responsibility for the catastrophe.



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Pakistanis burning Danish flag.

Several prominent political debates have arisen from this worldwide uproar. The most popular argument of late is whether "freedom of the press" justified both the initial publication of the cartoon in *Jyllands-Posten,* and its replication in papers throughout Europe. Those in contention claim that the racist, inflammatory nature of the cartoon outweighed the newspaper's right to publish. Others believe that radical Islamists are using the cartoon to infuriate Muslims around the globe and provoke anti-Western sentiments, as well as to undermine civil liberties in Europe. Muslims who oppose the cartoon's publication are horrified that a newspaper would desecrate one of the inviolable rules of their religion: the pictorial representation of their Prophet. Many Muslims are further outraged that the cartoonist ridicules their sacred figure by depicting, in one cartoon, Muhammad with a bomb in his turban, and in another, the Prophet telling would-be suicide bombers, "Stop, stop, we have run out of virgins."

I find both sides of the argument to be considerably flawed. Those who argue for the freedom of the press above all discredit the obvious; the cartoons did more than break an Islamic law which non-Muslims clearly have no obligation to follow. More salient in the matter, the cartoons border on hate speech and have further alienated and ridiculed the Muslim minority in Denmark. The Muhammad cartoons are a far cry from the lauded free press occasion when a paper has printed a candid, controversial story that a repressive government tried to cover up. We're not talking about Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle" or a thoughtful editorial denouncing the war in Iraq here. When citizens are given a right they are also handed a responsibility. The press is not simply a free-for-all pass to ridicule whomever you'd like in the name of journalism. The art of political cartooning is a delicate one to be sure, and the editor of *Jyllands-Posten* should have exercised better judgment.

This aside, I also realize the danger in this sort of outcry from the Muslim world. I would never deny activists their right to peacefully protest what they considered a grave offense by the Western world, as I would have never faulted Ward Churchill protestors from picketing outside Hamilton when he was scheduled to visit. But the violent and absurd measures taken by some Muslims, like the embargo of Danish products and the burning of Danish embassies, will simply not do. The Western world will continue to support a free press. Angry Muslims can burn some embassies, but they will not succeed in robbing us of this liberty.

One of the largest and most consuming issues we face in the 21st century is the rift created and nurtured between the Western world and the Middle East. Instead of trying to work out our differences, intelligent Muslims are allowing anti-Western, agenda-laden, radical Muslims to incite them to violent behavior and continue a pattern of misunderstanding and, often, hate between the two cultures. While the relations between Europe, the U.S. and the Islamic world are strained at best and hang in a rather delicate balance, the solution is not to make noise by releasing a mean-spirited cartoon. The press, the public and the government need to take the initiative to start making peace, otherwise, the growing intolerance and animosity between "us" and "them" will only escalate, rendering the situation irreparable.

Additional Reading:

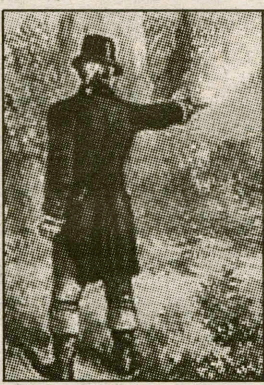
Visiting Professor of Creative Writing Kamila Shamsie wrote a *New York Times* Op-Ed on this issue: http://www.nytimes.com/2006/02/15/opinion/15shamsie.html

I missed the animal and shot the human...oops.

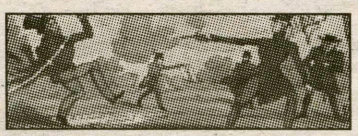
by Eric Kuhn '09
Insights & Ideas Editor

There has been a lot of talk this week about Dick Chaney and how he meant to kill a bird while hunting but shot his hunting partner in the face instead. Shoot. Hate when that happens. Anyway, it was time to look through the pages of history and lay out other important dates that have to do with our good ol' Second Amendment and other random events that center around death...

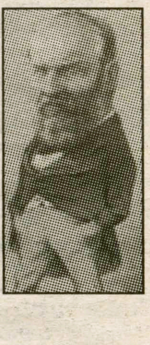
1776 – George Washington was the leader of the Revolutionary War, but more importantly, he got one big bulls-eye when he "shot" fat George in the heart and broke away from England.



1804 – Aaron Burr shoots our main man, Alexander Hamilton, in a duel in Weehawken, New Jersey.



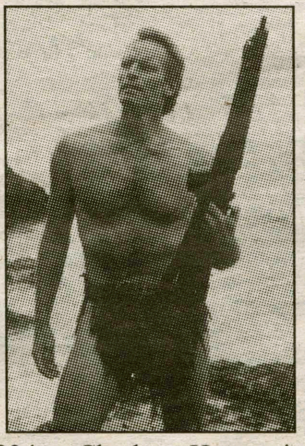
1805 – Charles Dickinson wrote a note to Andrew Jackson calling him a "coward and an equivocator." Then in May 1806, Jackson reciprocated by calling him a "worthless scoundrel...a poltroon and a coward," challenging him to a duel. Dickinson took the first show hitting Jackson two inches from his heart. Struggling, Jackson aimed back and killed Dickinson.



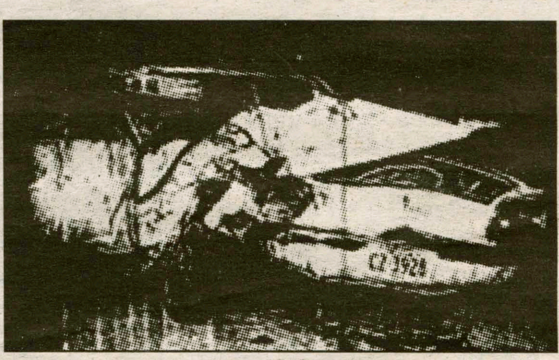
1862 – Ulysses S. Grant and James Garfield both rose to stardom at the Battle of Shiloh.

1898 – Teddy Roosevelt organized volunteers – later to become known as the "Rough Riders" – during the Spanish American War. Gun in hand, Teddy led them in the Battle of San Juan Hill. When he reached the top of the Hill, he killed one of his enemies, being recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor.

1918-1919 – Harry S. Truman fought in World War One and became recognized via his military performances during the battles of Saint-Mihiel and Argonne.

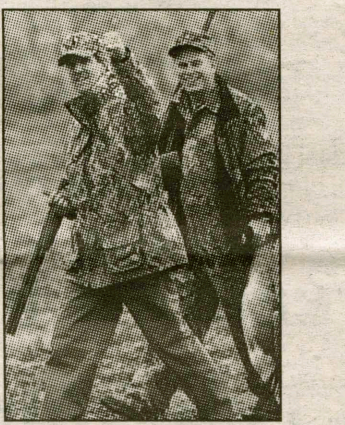


1924 – Charlton Heston is born. He will later become the president and spokesman for the National Rifle Association. In 2000 he would yell at Al Gore, telling him he would have to take his gun away "from my cold, dead hands." (NOTE: Gore should have tried to pull the gun out of his hands before last weekend.)



1963 – 17-year-old Laura Bush (then Laura Welch) ran a stop sign in Texas and killed 17-year-old friend Michael Douglas.

PHOTO of car accident.



1966-1970 – John Kerry is in Vietnam when his Swift Boat members shot and killed Vietnamese children in a "free-fire zone." (During the 2004 Election Camp...er...photo op, he went duck hunting)

1994 – A possible change in heart. America's President puts down the gun and desides music and love should be the way of the world. Thus, he has fun playing the sax and getting to know his interns.

2006 – Cheney went out to hunt quail and hit Harry Whittington instead.

What a fun sport.

God Bless America.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Spectator Editor,

This will respond to your article "Alumnus violated NCAA rules by paying admissions deposits" published February 3, 2006. I am the attorney who represents *pro bono* the two freshman students involved in this matter and wanted to take this opportunity to respond to some of the factual errors and omissions in your article.

First, these two students never received any notice from the college regarding the need to pay this deposit last year when it was due. As stated in your article by the Dean of Admissions, the college was aware of the prior relationship these two students had with the alumnus in question. What the Dean of Admissions failed to state in your article is that the Admissions office called the alumnus in January 2005 to solicit payment of the deposit. A full eleven months later, in December 2005, the college asserted that this payment constituted an impermissible incentive in violation of NCAA rules. At the time of the college's assertion, we questioned how any payment can constitute an improper incentive when (i) the persons supposedly being incentivized (here the two prospective students) were unaware of the payment; and (ii) the payment was actively solicited by the college. Unfortunately, the college refused to admit its own responsibility in soliciting the payment of this deposit and presented its own version of the facts to the NCAA. Not surprisingly, the NCAA when presented with the college's version of the facts determined that the payment was an improper incentive.

Second, in order to secure the paperwork necessary to resolve this matter in the college's favor, the two freshman students needed to sign-off on the college's version of the facts. As stated above, we had made it clear through numerous contacts with the college's attorney that we did not agree with their version of the facts. This sign-off was accomplished when Athletics Director Dave Thompson subverted these students right to counsel (a right protected by the NCAA) in the following manner: On Saturday December 31, 2005 -- with no prior notice provided to me as their attorney regarding the materials prepared by the college and its attorneys – the two students were (i) hauled out of lunch between practices by Dave Thompson; (ii) asked to write out a statement regarding their status as student athletes; (iii) presented with a multi-page document turned to the final signature page and told to sign it with no opportunity to read it first or forward it to me for prior review as their attorney; and (iv) not provided a copy of these documents. When I learned of this incident later in the day, I asked my clients to go back to Dave Thompson's office to retrieve these materials. When they did so, he told them that he would not return the materials to them.

My clients have refused to play because they do not want to be complicit in an NCAA violation based on the false filing made by the college. After Dave Thompson's unconscionable treatment of my clients, one wonders whether his self-professed confusion in your article over my clients' continued unwillingness to play following this unfortunate incident is genuine or just another false version of the facts.

Elizabeth Holland '87

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Hamilton Unscripted

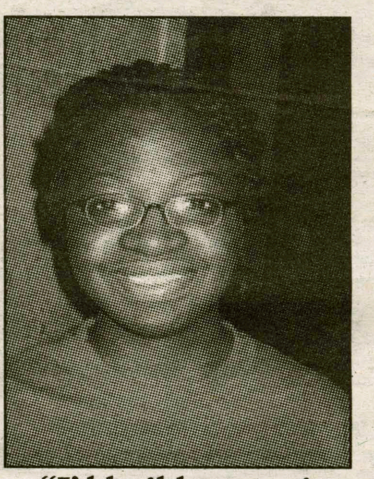
This year for the Super Bowl companies spent $2.5 million for a mere 30 second commercial. If you had $2.5 million, what would you spend it on?

by Michelle Butler '06 & Eric Kuhn '09

"Real estate...to become the Donald Trump of Clinton."
~Victoria O'Neil '09

"Tickets to follow Germany through the World Cup."
~Meg Brousseau '08

"Mostly charity, then use the rest to fund my acting career."
~Amy Schloerb '06

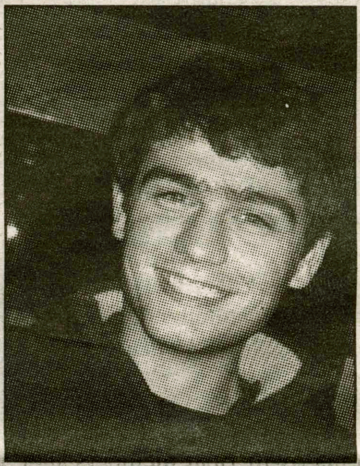


"I'd build a mansion in the middle of Martin's Way so I'd never be late to class."
~Abigail Cole '08

"There's nothing I could do...everything's too expensive now."
~Adele Paquin '07

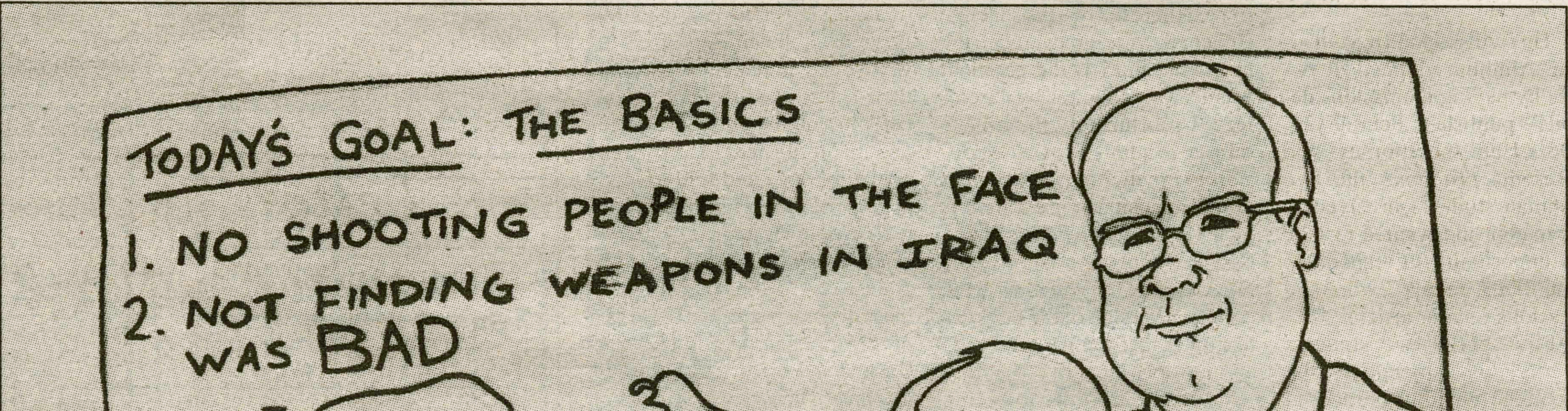
"I would travel the world... with Joan Hinde Stewart and Marge from Commons."
~Josh Cheung '08

"I'd put another wing on the science center."
~Alisha Fowler '06



"Pay off all The Dead Kennedy's (the band) debts so that they could get back together."
~Theo Collins '08

by Tom Booth '06



Student opinions on FebFest 2006

by Liz Ursell '09
FEATURES WRITER

With the second semester starting to pick up momentum, the arrival of FebFest is a procrastinator's dream come true. This past week, students postponed homework and research papers in favor of frivolous activities such as the Pizza War and the Date Auction. FebFest kicked off on Friday night with the Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration, which featured a traditional Hung Ga Lion Dance, complete with a colorful dragon, and Chinese food that was a refreshing change from the stir-fry at Commons.

For the majority of Hamilton students, the lure of food alone was enough to encourage their participation in FebFest. On Saturday, comedians Mike Birbiglia, John Mulaney and Greg Giraldo performed for the "Comedy Central Live! Medium Man on Campus" tour. Hamilton was the first stop on their tour, and it attracted a large crowd of students. While most students enjoyed the political and social humor concerning college life, there were a few for whom the comedic content stirred controversy.

Another source of lighthearted debate occurred during the Pizza War on Monday night, when students piled their plates with pizza slices from several local parlors. Most students favored the square, "sauce on top" style from Alterri's, and some were surprised to find that many of their favorite pizzas tasted differently when sober compared to the typical 3 a.m. slice during the weekend.

Following this was the Sex Matters Dating Show Game and Date Auction. Garrett Morgan '09 raked in the highest bid for the guys at $26, while the ladies went for as high as $60. Students revealed their quirkier sides, donning everything from a formal suit to a Ninja Turtle Suit in an effort to impress.

For those who weren't trying to snag a Valentine, female empowerment was provided by the women of VOX and Students Against Sexual Assault with Tuesday night's "Vagina Monologues." Students who attended experienced an exciting performance of onstage moans and orgasms.

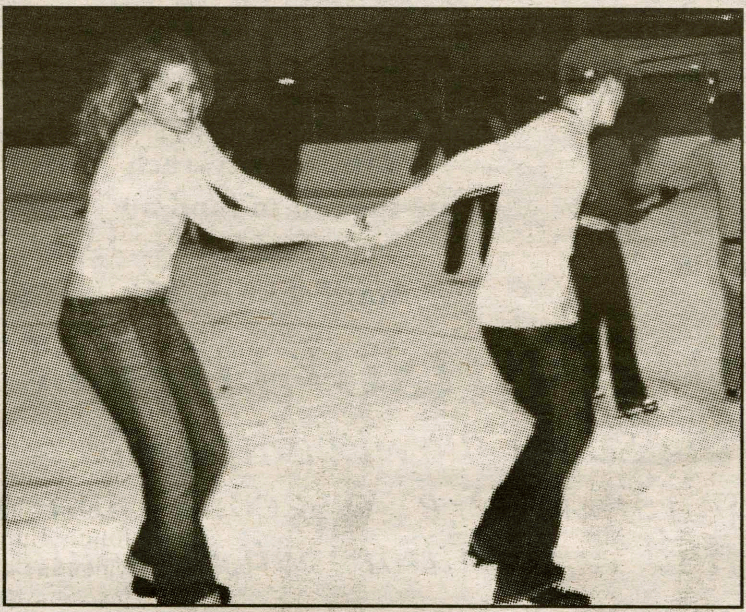
Women of Hamilton who were involved in the production received awards for their involvement.

Students were less enthusiastic about the more athletic activities of Febfest, such as the snowball fight and ice-skating party. Rachel Horowitz '09 summed it up by saying "A snowball fight on a Sunday? We don't do things on Sunday."

Even the fun of FebFest could not conquer the depressing nature of Sundays and their foreboding reminder of the busy week ahead. Despite this, the Ice Skating Party on Tuesday night proved to be popular, making it evident that free ice skates, cookies and cocoa motivated students to come to the rink and socialize.

FebFest, while it may appear to be all in fun, also reminds students to become more involved in the activities on campus. Instead of focusing on the weekend and its upcoming parties, students found themselves appreciating the events that many overlook.

Although the snow is melting and the warm weather is countering the wintry spirit of FebFest, all questioned students agreed that they were psyched for the chocolate and fireworks, a dramatic finale to a week of two things that Hamilton students love best: free food and entertainment. Jamie Wildstein '09 commented, "With such a concentration of activities, FebFest ensures that there's something for everyone."



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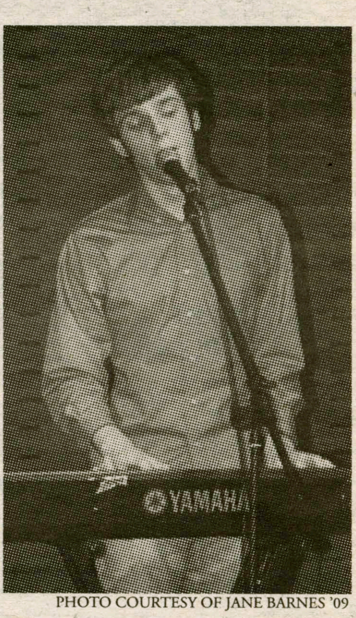
Students enjoy ice skating, funded by the class of 2009.



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A Battle of the Bands contestant.

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Many soloists and groups performed on Wednesday night in the Battle of the Bands.

Sudoku puzzle of the week

by Evelyn Shapiro '06
FEATURES WRITER

Hundreds of newspapers around the world have been publishing daily Sudoku puzzles that push people to use logic and reasoning skills. People from all over have found themselves addicted to Sudoku and countless websites are now devoted to the subject.

The Sudoku puzzles that have taken the world by storm started in Japan, as a form of crosswords. *Su* means "number" in Japanese and *doku* means "bachelor" or "single," so loosely translated, Sudoku means "single number."

The rules of the game are easy. One must place the digits 1 through 9 in the cells of the puzzles so that each digit appears only once in each square, row and column.

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From "Super Sudoku, Book 2," by James E. Riley, Ph.D. Published by Good Year Books, 2005.

Love was in the air this Valentine's Day at H.C.

by Megan Kase '09
FEATURES WRITER

On Tuesday, Hamilton was bombarded with red roses, candy hearts and public displays of affection, meaning only one thing: V-day had definitely struck. From Buffer grams to a classy Commons bill of faire, love was practically everywhere.

The celebration of Valentine's Day today is vastly different from its religious inception. Valentine's Day originated as a feast day to commemorate the lives of three martyrs, all of whom shared the name Valentine. Two of the Valentines were both executed under Emperor Claudius who reigned in the third century. The most famous Valentine was executed for curing a jailer's daughter's blindness. Legend has it that Valentine fell in love with the jailer's daughter and wrote her letters signed; "From your Valentine."

Another theory on the origins of Valentine's Day is that Feb. 14 is the day that birds chose their mates. To celebrate this occasion, boys and girls would, "exchange tokens of affection," said Professor Hans Broedel, visiting assistant professor of history. Broedel continued, "The first references of Valentine's Day are in the early 15th century. It is mainly an English holiday. In fact, when the Dutch first heard of it, they were taken back. It gained popularity through the 16th to the 19th century and then died out only to be restored by the Hallmark Company."

Although they may not be celebrating the feast day of Christian martyrs or embracing the mating rituals of birds, Hamilton students found their own unique way of celebrating Valentine's Day, from making Valentine's cards to spending time with loved ones to volunteering.

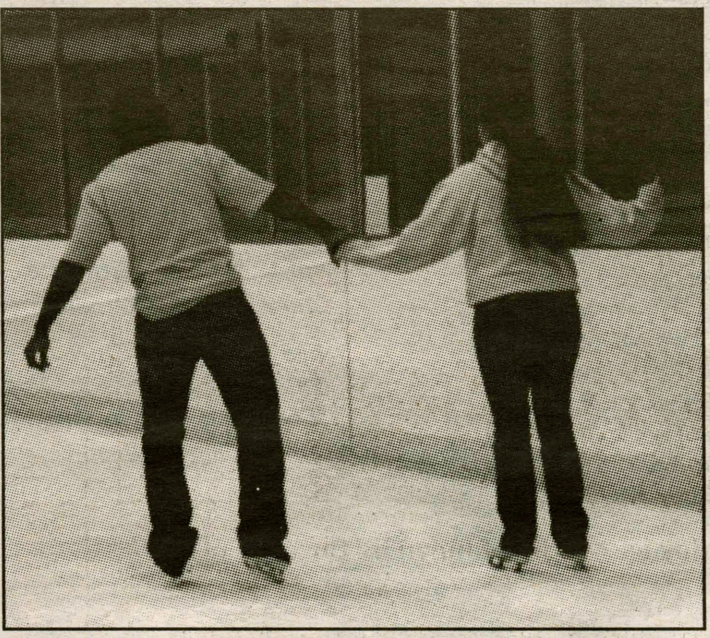


PHOTO BY MELISSA BALDING '09

A Hamilton couple holds hands on the ice during the FebFest Valentine's Day themed skating party.

Some students looked forward to the Valentine's Day preparations more so than the actual holiday, enjoying the holiday candy and card decorating. "I always make homemade cards for Valentine's Day. This year I wanted to make mine extra snazzy, so I added sparkly jewels because all my Valentines are divas. I always love making these cards while snacking on a delicious box of chocolates," said freshman Emily Sturges. Other students were able to prepare for Valentine's Day in their classes.

"In my drawing class, we had an assignment to make a Valentine. This was really exciting because I found myself wanting to challenge the stereotypical construction paper heart cut-out and forced myself to be extra creative," said freshman Gretchen Gardner.

For those students with a special someone, Valentine's Day meant a little something extra. "My ex-boyfriend surprised me out of nowhere. He drove down for four hours, bought roses and recreated that infamous scene from *Love Actually*. Afterwards we celebrated at the Al Ham dining room," said freshman Christina Matulaitis.

"My significant other and I went to the Outback Steakhouse, our spot. We shared a romantic plate of blooming onions and boomerang shrimp," said freshman Olivia Gambir.

"My boy and I went all out at the Turning Stone Casino. Let's just say we should institute Valentine's Day as a holiday everyday!" said sophomore Jessica Polidoro.

Other students found time on Valentine's Day for some social awareness. Students Against Sexual Assault sponsored a performance of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" in order to raise awareness for the V-Day campaign for violence against women. "I celebrated my Valentine's Day seeing the *Vagina Monologues*. The performances were really incredible. I left not only feeling more informed, but also comfortable with the word vagina," said freshman Jillian Berkowitz.

Some student organizations used Valentine's Day as an opportunity to give back to the community. The sisters of Phi Beta Chi sold Crush Cans, bottles of Crush soda with a little love notes attached. "This was our first year selling them. We made a lot of money for the Multiple Scoliosis Society. It seemed like everyone got really into it. Plus watching people get excited about buying Crush cans made me feel a little bit like Cupid," said sophomore Natalie Schwerin. HAVOC sponsored a Valentine's Day party with kids from Utica filled with games, crafts, sledding and a performance from the Buffers.

"Valentine's day is a very special time for me, a time filled with laughs, cries and tears of joy. I experienced these emotions after volunteering for the HAVOC Valentine's Day party. I met a cute little girl named Ashley, who introduced me to the wonders of chocolate sprinkle pizza," said freshman Bradley Tipper.

Even those overwhelmed with work on Valentine's Day still managed to find some celebration. "I was a little bummed about having to go to my Italian TA session. But then again, I could not think of a more appropriate way to celebrate the holiday of love with the language of love. Now that's amore!" said freshman Anthony Carello.

Focus on Fitness: the four big workout mistakes

BY MICHELLE BUTLER '06
FEATURES WRITER

So you decide to go to the gym at 4 p.m.; you feel great, energetic, and could really burn off some steam after a full day of sitting in classes. To your utmost delight, there is an unused elliptical available, so you throw down your outside apparel and claim the machine before some other chick (or perhaps a dude) grabs it. You hop right on and begin at a fast pace, on a steep incline, with high resistance because today you're not messing around. Your heart starts pumping hard, and the sweat begins to drip down your forehead, and you think, "Man, this exercise thing is easy!"

Ten minutes later, your thighs and gluteus maximus are screaming at you, you are panting like a Labrador, and you start to think that even poking your own eyes out would feel better than this. Sound familiar? Ever burnout during a workout? If this or a similar experience has happened to you, there are several reasons, as well as solutions, that will help you to have longer and more satisfying workout sessions.

The dimwit (let's call her DW) in my pretend scenario forgot to complete a couple essential steps in her rush to the elliptical. First of all, DW did not warm-up before her workout. You ought to do a brief cardiovascular warm-up activity, such as taking a couple laps around the track, to get your heart rate going and increase blood and oxygen flow to your muscles.

DW's second mistake: no stretching. Once your muscles are warm, it is crucial to stretch before engaging in vigorous exercise. Slow and deliberate stretching of the muscles you will be using in your workout helps to lengthen your muscles and reduces your risk of injury. Hold the stretch in place (DO NOT bounce!) for approximately thirty seconds, but never to the point where you feel pain. Stretching regularly will also improve your flexibility, which incidentally will decrease with age, so it would behoove you to start a regular stretching routine now if you have not already.

In addition to a cardiovascular warm-up and stretching, you ought to warm-up on your machine for a minimum of five minutes. Start on the lowest level, even if you find it is too easy, for just a minute or so. Then slowly build up until you find a comfortable rhythm. At the end of the five minutes, go ahead and set a challenging incline, or increase your speed on the treadmill.

I find the programs offered on the machines as the best way to ensure a thorough workout, because the computer changes the settings for you. Most people tend to become bored on treadmills because they run/walk at the same steady rate for the duration of their workout. If you follow a program that challenges you with intervals of speed and/or incline, you will be distracted as your mind and body constantly adjust to the machine.

The third error was DW's lack of a water bottle. Dehydration is the number one cause of fatigue and headaches, so you should always drink plenty of water before, during and after exercising. We've all heard the popular advice that we should drink at least eight glasses of water per day. It may sound like a lot, but you will definitely need it if you are working out on top of walking around campus all day. Especially considering how dry the winter air is here in jolly CNY, you could be dehydrated even before you begin your workout if you do not make a conscious effort to drink plenty of fluids during the day.

If you begin to feel thirsty, it means it's too late; you are already somewhat dehydrated. Carrying a bottle of water with you at all times will remind you to keep up your hydration. You should drink at least 10 ounces of water two hours before your workout, giving your body time to hydrate and then get rid of any excess fluids. During your workout, having a few sips of water every 15-20 minutes will definitely help to sustain your energy, and be sure to drink a lot after your workout to regain the fluids you lost through bodily sweat and breathing heavily.

Error number four, which may not have seemed as obvious based on my brief scenario is: no pre-workout snack or meal. You will have more energy and stamina if you consume a snack with both carbohydrates and protein, such as a banana and peanut butter, or an apple and slices of cheese. The carbs will cause an increase in blood sugar, creating a rise in energy. But to prevent your blood sugar, or energy, from crashing, you also need the protein to slow the rush of sugar to your bloodstream.

Generally your body will perform better when it has more calories for fuel. I tend to eat small frequent meals throughout the day, rather than a couple huge meals toward the end of the day. And I always make sure to eat something at least thirty minutes to an hour before exercising so that I can enjoy a full workout without early fatigue. NEVER skip meals because your body will not have enough fuel to function let alone workout. It will go into starvation mode, and you'll end up stuffing your face later on, and will feel rather ill.

To conclude, the next time you are feeling up to the gym, remember these tips in advance so that you can fully enjoy all the benefits that exercising has to offer. If you would like examples of excellent pre-workout meals, visit http://www.fitnessonline.com, which has a variety of online fitness magazines with a multitude of valuable nutritional advice.

Where to Eat

O'Scugnizzo's Pizza

by Sam Gitlitz '08
FEATURES WRITER

Clinton is quickly becoming a pizza town. FebFest's pizza war proved that with the enormous variety of pizza. The new comer to the Clinton scene is O'Scugnizzo's Pizza. The restaurant celebrated the opening of their third store this January. O'Scugnizzo's philosophy has two priorities: the first is their heritage and the second is their customers.

O'Scugnizzo's has a long history, starting with their founder, Eugeno Burlino, who came to the United States from Italy. He started out by selling his "tomato pies" out of a street cart in downtown Utica. He was able to make enough money to buy their first store that held the distinction of being the first in the area. The business expanded to include a delivery operation under Eugeno's son, Angelo. In the 90's the company grew again, and the third generation, Steve took over the company. While keeping the company true to its values, he expanded to Washington Mills, where the sandwich side of the company was born. Today, the fourth generation is getting into the business; Steve's nephew, Michael, is entering the business and expanding it further.

O'Scugnizzo's makes a completely unique pizza. Unlike most pizza in the area, their pizza has a thin and crispy crust. What makes their pizza distinctive is that the cheese is on top of the crust, with the tomato sauce on top of the cheese. The sauce is fantastic and is now being bottled. The crispy crust is firm enough to stand up to the weight of the cheese, but it still retains some moisture so that it is chewy.

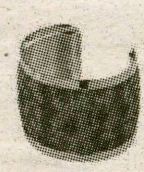
Also prominent on the menu are O'Scugnizzo's homemade sandwiches. As with everything else in the restaurant, all the ingredients are, as co-owner Bill Conley puts it, "Built from the ground up," meaning that everything is made from scratch. The focaccia is freshly baked, following an old family recipe; the peppers are fire-roasted and packed in oil to ensure freshness; and the dressings are made entirely in-house.

In keeping with their ideals of keeping the customer happy and returning, O'scugnizzo's has taken a vested interest in Clinton. They offer a 10 percent discount to anyone who mentions their fliers, along with free delivery to the hill. They have a special of three pies for $25, which certainly fits into a college budget.

All in all O'Scugnizzo's provides both the Hill and the town with a great pizza restaurant at a great price. They use only the freshest ingredients, and really care about their customers. O'Scugnizzo's was the first pizza restaurant in the area, and is probably the only one run by the fourth generation.

Old sexy vs. New sexy

What's new and what's a little bit overdone!



The same-old-same jewelry	*Jewelry that gets noticed - chunky cuffs and rings*
Heavy-duty lipstick	*Sheer, lightweight lipstick*
Blindingly blond hair: think Paris Hilton, "that's hot." ... Let's NOT!	*Going darker*
A "Stepford" smile (think Chicklet-white teeth)	*A smile with character like Mandy Moore*
Spray-tanned skin. The faker is NOT the better.	*Your OWN skin!*
Sweating over having "perfect" muscles	*Being healthy and leaving it at that*
Pouting	*Excellent conversation*
Belly-bearing tops	*A keyole neckline*
Having to work at being sexy	*Just being your own sexy self!*

by Nonny Chizea '08
FEATURES WRITER

Weekly Events: Where you want to be!

Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
HC Democrats Brown Bag Lunch (12:00-1:00) Think Tank (12:00-1:00) Chemistry Seminar (3:00-4:30) Powder Puff Football (4:00-5:30) BSU Meeting (5:00-6:00) Chocolate Tasting (6:00-7:00) W. Ice Hockey v. Middlebury (7:00) FebFest Fireworks (7:30-8:30)	Alpine Skiing (9:00-2:00) FebFest 13th Annual Chili Cookoff (1:00-4:00) Anime Club (2:00-3:00) W. Squash v. Colgate (2:00) W. Ice Hockey v. Williams (3:00) Sean Patrick Maloney (5:30-6:30) Gogol Bordello (8:00-2:00) Protand Talko Ensemble Concert (8:00-10:00)	Alpine Skiing (9:00-2:00) Newman Mass (1:00-2:00) F.I.L.M. Series: Gregg Mitman presents "Glamourous Species" (2:00)	Chemistry Seminar (4:00-5:30) Biology Seminar (4:10-5:15) F.I.L.M. Homage to Canyon Cinema (7:00-8:30) HOC Open Hours (7:00-9:00) Athiests, Agnostics and Freethinkers (8:00-9:30)	Faculty Lecture: "Just Who Do They Think We Are?" (12:00-1:00) CACC Meeting (3:00) Miami Reception with President Stewart (6:30) Cover Letter Workshop (8:00-9:30)	New England Center for Children Info Meeting (1:30 and 2:30) "From Rapprochement to Engagement: Relating to the Chinese in the New Era" (4:10-6:00) Palm Beach Reception with President Stewart (6:00) C.A.B. Meeting (7:00-8:00) Fiction Reading by Hamilton's 2006 Writer in Residence (8:00-9:00) Rainbow Alliance Meeting (9:00-10:00)	Fort Myers Campaign Reception with President Stewart (6:30) HOC Open Hours (7:00-9:00) Boston GOLD Group "Seriously?" Theatre Event (8:00)
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Important Dates For SENIORS

Senior Gift 75% Deadline – March 3rd

Trustee Reception for Senior Class – March 3rd, 6 p.m. in the Hub

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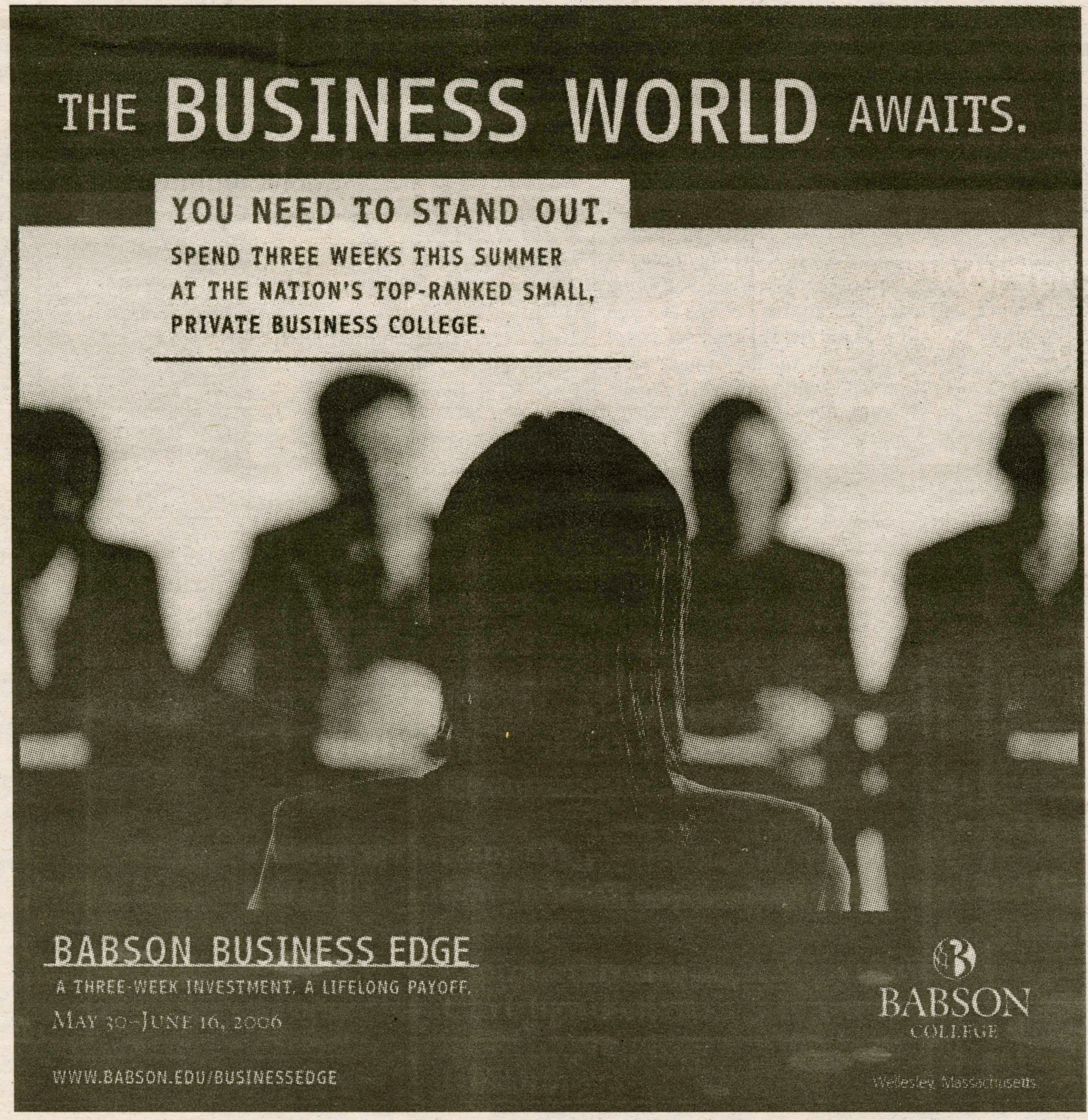

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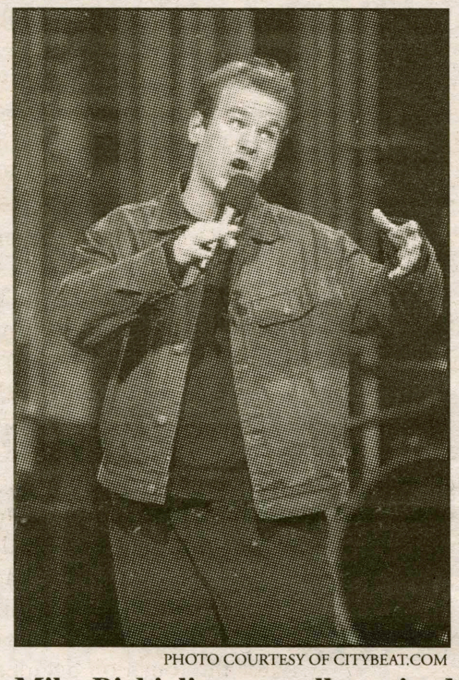
Birbiglia and other stand-up comics visit Hamilton

By Leighton Smith '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Last Saturday night, Hamilton kicked off FebFest 2006 with one of the biggest comedy shows in CAB's history. Featured in the line-up were comedians John Mulaney, Greg Giraldo and headliner Mike Birbiglia. Birbiglia is currently traveling around the country on The Comedy Central Live! Medium Man on Campus Tour; the other two comics were special guests.

The event was well-attended, with many people coming from off-campus to see the dynamic trio perform. Mulaney opened the show with a 15 – 20 minute set. His material was fairly tame, but he did receive good laughs. Many of his jokes related to adolescence and young-adulthood, so his jokes were easily accessible to most in attendance.

Following Mulaney was Mike Birbiglia. Wearing a Hamilton sweatshirt and a scarf borrowed from an audience member, he quickly connected with the crowd. His routine was well-polished, having played venues such as "The Late Show" with David Letterman and Comedy Central. While pushing the envelope at times with edgy jokes, Birbigs, as he is affectionately known, kept his act quite wholesome. He ended by playing a song on the guitar about being "The Medium Man On Campus" during his college years.



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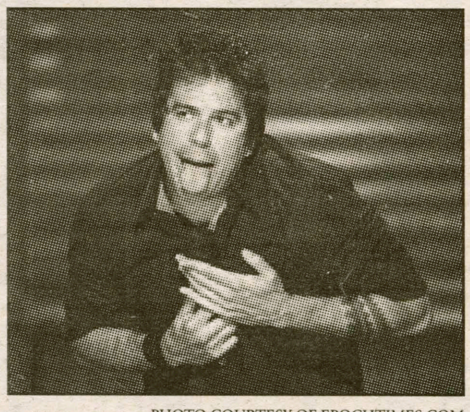
Mike Birbiglia was well-received when he performed last week.

Ending the night was Greg Giraldo. Many Hamilton students found his act to be "funny, but too offensive." Some even went so far as to leave before he had concluded his set. Me? I stuck around. I thought he was hysterical. Hamilton College knew what they were getting when they booked Giraldo (I hope), so why didn't the students?

Giraldo, a Harvard Law School gradutate and reformed alcoholic, is a comic known for his distinct delivery and skill of ranting, never allowing for his rhythm to be broken. One unfortunate Continental got quite a taste of this when she yelled at him to get off the stage (Giraldo had started his routine with a bit of Al Ham blasting: "I'll bet not many of you here are majoring in dueling.") Without missing a beat, he dealt out some harsh insults.

This was essentially the tone for his entire routine; negative, ranting, and over-the-top. Perhaps it was the stark contrast created between the previous two comics and Giraldo that shocked some. But, when you consider the world of stand-up comedy, Giraldo's material was not that alarming.

In fact, if you traced stand-up back to its Vaudeville roots (1880 – 1920), you would find that comedians were telling jokes that were vulgar even by today's standards. The Aristocrats, for example, is one of the oldest jokes around, and can be told in a variety of ways. There are several essential ingredients that are commonly included: incest, pedophilia, scatology and bestiality are among them. That last one should sound pretty familiar to those who saw Giraldo.



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Some Hamilton students found Greg Giraldo to be too vulgar.

A few minutes into his act, Giraldo could sense that the audience wasn't "getting" all his material. He correctly assumed that many were unprepared for what they were hearing. Perhaps he might have toned down his act, although this is doubtful, until an appearance of Hamilton's favorite naked people interrupted him. Giraldo made the observation that nobody even batted an eyelash when three naked men trotted across the stage behind him (Hamilton College Varsity Streaking Team 1, Greg Giraldo 0). From this point on, there was no reason for Giraldo to hold back, and he kept up his tirade until the end.

There are many different brands of comedy. A few of them were put on display at this show, which was apparently quite a learning experience for many of the attendees. Understandably, the show was probably many students' first true stand-up experience, and this might account for why they thought the first two comics were nice, but that third guy was really mean. I hope CAB continues to book comics who challenge their audiences, so that Hamilton students can continue to discover the many different approaches to stand-up comedy.

Matchbook Romance performs

By Nicole Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

In a week, Hamilton College will play host to this semester's most exciting rock concert, Matchbook Romance. This four-man band from Poughkeepsie, New York, is signed to Epitaph Records. Consisting of Andrew Jordan (vocals, guitar), Ryan DePaolo (guitar), Ryan Kienle (bass), and Aaron Stern (drums), Matchbook Romance is a relatively young hardcore-emo-punk band.

The band was quickly picked up off of the internet by Brett Gurewitz, Epitaph's head honcho as well as the guitarist for Bad Religion. At first reading of Gurewitz's e-mail, Jordan thought it was a prank, but after determining that it was, in fact, the real thing, in 2002 the band flew out west to sign a deal. Originally called The Getaway, Matchbook Romance (the name was changed due to certain legal circumstances) released their debut EP, "West for Wishing" in 2003, after touring extensively throughout the East Coast, posting their music on various websites and embarking on a word-of-mouth crusade.

The band's career now rests on a six-song demo; they returned to the East Coast to do some serious writing, as well as to look into some serious tour possibilities, such as Vans Warped Tour. Even though the band gained a lot of attention, they also gained a lot of doubt from critics and audience alike who dismissed the band. Not settling down with a specific sound but experimenting as much as possible helped Matchbook Romance keep all of their songs fresh and original, but there is definitely a common thread with all of their songs. Each of their songs has a solid hook, energy, emotion and great lyrics.

Their first album, "Stories and Alibis," was released in October of 2003 and was produced by Joe Barresi, the producer for other big name bands such as Queens of the Stone Age, Weezer, Pennywise, Melvins and The Jesus Lizard. In 2004, Matchbook released a joint album with another Epitaph band, Motion City Soundtrack, and this Valentine's Day released their latest album "Voices," which is an album of growth for the band (return here for a review of "Voices" next week).

Front man Jordan's lyrics are often derived not only from personal experience, but also the experiences of those around him, such as his fellow bandmates and their friends. "The Greatest Fall (Of All Time)" is written about one of drummer Stern's relationships, and "14 Balloons" is written about a friend's drug addiction. Other songs, such as "In Transit (For You)" and "Playing for Keeps" are lighter, yet just as emotional, songs.

There is much to look forward to with Matchbook Romance's new album. Supposedly, it is much more hardcore than their previous one, with just as much song writing skill, and a touch more of the darker side.

"Monsters," the first single off of "Voices," is deceptively spunky, yet leaves you wanting more: "it came as no surprise/ you bring me back to life/ believe me/ you bleed for me/ I'll bleed for you/ I caught you walking through walls/ drowned with applause/ from the world that makes me crazy/ we are/ we are the shaken/ we are the monsters/ underneath your bed/ yeah/ believe what you read/ we are/ we are mistaken/ we are the voices/ inside your head/ yeah/ believe what you see."

Freshly back from an Australian tour and a three-month break previous to the release of "Voices," Matchbook Romance will be gracing the Annex February 25 at 8 p.m. Come down and catch the show and see why Matchbook Romance will be around for quite a while and visit their website, www.matchbookromance.com or watch their videos at www.epitaph.com/videos/player/607.

Also, if you like Matchbook Romance, lead singer Andrew Jordan is working on a side project of what he calls "the weirdest possible album [he] could ever write." So stay on the look out for what appears to be an exciting endeavor.

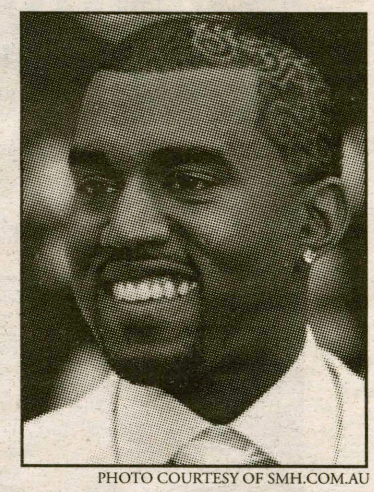
West wins 3 grammys

By Nonny Chizea '08
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Name: Kanye West
D.O.B: 08.06.1977
Birthplace: Atlanta, Georgia
Occupation: Singer, Producer and Director
Sign: Gemini
Album: "Heard Em Say" [EP]
Label: Universal International
Released: 12.20.05
Late Registration
Label: Roc-A-Fella
Released: 08.30.05
The College Dropout
Label: Roc-A-Fella Records
Released: 02.10.04

"She take my money when I'm in need." If you know the tune to these lyrics, then you are indeed a true Kanye West fan. One of the few truly unique hip-hop artists to revel atop the commercial side of the music industry .during the early 2000s, West spent most of his time producing favorable hits for rappers like Jay-Z, Nas and Twista.

Eventually, West would taste some enjoyable success of his own. With his beat-making skills and help from some of his friends, Jamie Foxx, Ludacris and Dame Dash, West was able to begin his solo career with a bang. The first two songs featuring him as a rapper, "Through the Wire" and "Slow Jamz," sky-rocketed to the top of the charts, establishing West as a quadruple threat: singer, rapper, producer and director. West went on to enjoy more success with hits like, "All Falls Down," "Jesus Walks" and "Gold Digger."



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Kanye West was nominated for 10 Grammy Awards.

In wake of his breakout success, West received a surprising 10 nominations for the 47th annual Grammy Awards, held on February 8, 2006.

"The College Dropout" won the Best Rap Album award, "Jesus Walks" won Best Rap Song, and a songwriting credit on "You Don't Know My Name" has West sharing the Best R&B Song award with Alicia Keys and Harold Lilly.

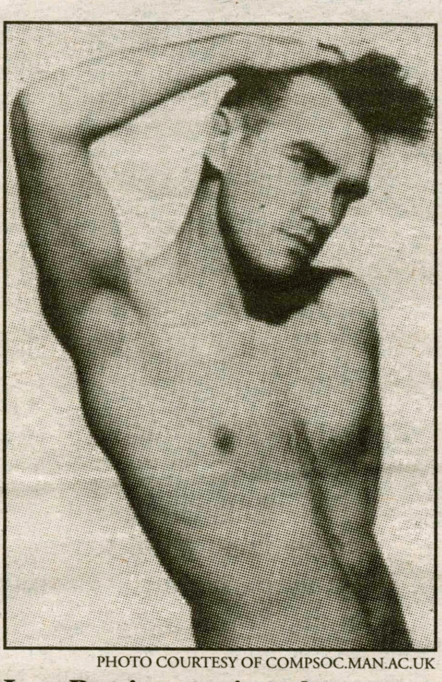
Iggy Pop: Better than soda pop since 1967

By Katherine A. Jurras '06
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Iggy Pop, born James Newell Osterberg, showed an immediate interest in music. He was raised by his father in a trailer outside of Ann Arbor, Michigan and was influenced not only by rock and roll but by the sounds of ordinary life, like the car factories in Detroit. By the time he graduated high school, the musician had already had two bands.

In 1967 Osterberg formed a progressive rock band called the Psychedelic Stooges with a friend from high school. The band made use of atypical instruments, and for the first time Pop became the front man instead of the drummer. The band's sound was influenced by the Doors and the Velvet Underground, but had a very unique style of its own and soon became popular in the Detroit area.

At this point Osterberg officially became Iggy Pop and developed a head-banging, wild performance style that audiences began to crave. Also, the band's name was shortened to simply the Stooges. The quartet, which included Ron Asheton, Scott Asheton and Dave Alexander, was signed by Elektra Records in 1968. The band released a self-titled album and then "Funhouse," neither of which was particularly successful. Ironically, both albums are now considered classic punk albums. In fact, they can be pinpointed as



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Iggy Pop is sometimes known as the grandfather of punk music.

the original albums that created punk as a genre. For this reason, Pop is often considered the grandfather of punk.

The partnership with Elektra Records was short-lived due to unpopularity, hard drug use and Pop's obsession with death-defying stunts on stage. The band ended up breaking up as a result of this chaos, and Pop restarted his career as a sober man with the influence of fan David Bowie. Pop teamed up with guitarist James Williamson, and later the Asheton brothers, and moved to England to work with Bowie.

Under Columbia Records, the Stooges came out with another album, called "Raw Power," which would fall under the category of rock classics. The album, produced by Bowie, was extremely unusual, as the band's intent was to create music that would actually hurt the listener. Although no one was physically harmed by the album, the music was sufficiently bizarre and explosive to create an extreme effect.

The Stooges broke up again when the band members became addicted, once again, to hard drugs. Pop spent some time homeless on the streets of Hollywood before he checked himself into a drug clinic. While in rehab he made an effort to produce music with Williamson, but when the songs didn't catch on, the two artists parted ways. However, in 1977, and more recently in 2005, demos from these recording sessions were released on compilation albums.

Long-time supporter David Bowie came to visit Pop while he was in rehab and succeeded in getting the afflicted artist back on the road with him. Bowie was on tour to support his album "Station to Station" and the two became close friends and ended up moving to Berlin together. Pop got a record deal with RCA records and, with much help from Bowie, produced albums that were much more successful than his earlier albums with the Stooges. Pop became particularly successful in the U.K. and was even looked upon as a founder of the punk movement that was beginning to materialize. Bowie accompanied Pop on the keyboards during his world tour.

After the tour Pop decided to venture into the world of music on his own, without any help from Bowie, who had produced and co-written most of his records. He even signed on with yet another record label, Arista, and produced "New Values" with Williamson in 1979. The early '80s were a time of change for Pop, who produced a series of albums of varying themes. His inconsistent new-wave sound seemed to indicate that he was reinventing himself as an artist. Pop really branched out when he wrote a memoir called "I Need More" that chronicled his experience in the music industry.

Pop took more time off for drugs, and returned again in 1986 with the Bowie-produced album "Blah Blah Blah." His cover of "Real Wild Child" was his first real hit in the United States. In 1988, with ex-Sex Pistols guitarist Steve Jones, Pop released "Instinct." In 1990 he released "Brick by Brick" under Virgin Records and saw his first top 20 U.S. hit, "Candy" which was a duet with Kate Pierson of the B-52s. Also in the early '90s a new bunch of bands, such as Nirvana, Guns 'N' Roses, Duran Duran and Soundgarden, began to imitate Pop's highly influential style.

Pop continued to release albums throughout the '90s, and nearly every rock band considered the Stooges to be a huge influence. Pop starred in several movies and even television shows, and the title track from his old album "Lust for Life" was used for the movie "Trainspotting." There is no way to avoid the realization that Iggy Pop is one of the most inspirational and influential artists to come out of the 20th century.

Asian Movie: "Save the Green Planet"

By Noah Wright '08
Arts & Entertainment Writer

I anticipated "Save the Green Planet" more than most films, in part because it took me forever to download... er, I mean, "rent from South Korea." But it paid off; I enjoyed it immensely. It's just that, in order to review it accurately, I probably have to tell you what it is, a task easier said than done. This movie crosses more genre lines than a theoretical Tarantino screwball comedy starring Chuck Norris, possessing elements of science fiction, thriller, comedy, horror and crime, among others.

It's about a crazed, unemployed beekeeper named Lee who thinks the CEO of a prominent chemical company is, in fact, an alien from Andromeda. He, along with his obese ballerina girlfriend, kidnaps the CEO and imprisons him in his basement, convinced that if he tortures the man extensively enough, he will learn the secret to stopping an incoming Andromedan battle fleet and thereby save the Earth.

There's a lot more to the story than this, but that's the basic outline. The schizophrenic nature of the movie reflects the schizophrenic nature of the genre-crossing: the film swings between excruciatingly funny, excruciatingly sad and excruciatingly brutal.

For example, midway through the film the main character runs into a rude fellow at the drugstore. The movie immediately cuts to a hilarious, prolonged, over-the-top chopsocky kung-fu battle between Lee and the rude fellow. After it's revealed that the whole thing was (obviously) fantasized, Lee then proceeds to go home and smear the chemicals he's just purchased at the drugstore all over his screaming captive's skin and eyes. When I said the movie was brutal, I meant it. Think "Reservoir Dogs" or "American History X."

I consider the ending the weakest point of the film. I'm not ruining anything for you by telling you that the film can only end one of two ways: either the CEO turns out to actually be an alien or he doesn't. The story works itself into a corner by doing this; neither of these endings would be particularly satisfying, and indeed, the one they go with isn't.

However, "the reward lay not within the destination but the journey itself," and believe you me, this movie's a trip and a half. If you're looking for something different, genuinely edgy, and refreshingly unfamiliar "Save the Green Planet" is a good choice.

Cyrus Chestnut Jazz Trio

By Paul Bleiberg '06
Arts & Entertainment Writer

The Hamilton College Performing Arts Contemporary Voices and Visions Series continues on February 24 with the Cyrus Chestnut Jazz Trio at 8:00 p.m. at Wellin Hall in the Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts.

Featuring Cyrus Chestnut on piano, Michael Hawkins on bass, and Neal Smith on drums, this concert will showcase original charts by Chestnut. Chestnut continually tours with his trio, playing live at jazz festivals around the world as well as clubs and concert halls.

As he describes, "I'm trying to bring the spirit of joy to as many places as possible." Chestnut uses the trio format to extend, elaborate and refine the basic concept of the jazz rhythm section.

In Chestnut's own words, "This country and this art are founded on the basic principle of freedom, whereby a person is able to think, say or play what he or she chooses. Throughout the years, as I look at history, all of my predecessors, regardless of what their situation was when they arrived on the bandstand, were free to share their thoughts and feelings in a musical way. They did whatever they saw musically fit and the best of them were always about swinging and making people feel good. This trio aims to continue that tradition."

Chestnut's leadership and prowess as a soloist have led him to be a first call for the piano chair in many big bands, including the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, Dizzy Gillespie Big Band and Carnegie Hall Jazz Orchestra. He made

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The Cyrus Chestnut Jazz Trio will perform at Hamilton on February 24.

his cinematic debut as a Count Basie inspired pianist in Robert Altman's film, "Kansas City."

Born and raised in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Smith has been playing drums since the age of five. Smith describes his philosophy of musicianship: "As a musician continuing the jazz tradition, I feel it is not only my responsibility to pick up where my fathers left off, but to continually modernize the jazz sound through composition and performance. Ultimately, I feel I have a responsibility to positively influence other musicians in this truly African-American art form."

Hawkins is an exciting and charismatic bassist currently living in the Richmond, Virginia area. His commanding presence and swinging pulse have catapulted him quickly to the top of his profession, leading him to perform with some of the world's greatest musicians. Hawkins is known as the consummate sideman; currently performing with the Cyrus Chestnut Trio, he forms a great foundation for the group, and compliments horn players and vocalists with his rich sound. He brings together any group with his talent and good-natured spirit. While he envisions himself leading his own group in the future, at the tender age of 35, Michael Hawkins is poised to rise to the top of the jazz world and is surely a phenomenon to watch in the years to come.

Tickets for this performance are $18 general admission, $12 for senior citizens and $5 for Hamilton students. All seating is general admission. For more information or tickets, call the box office at (315) 859-4331, 1-4 p.m. weekdays or visit www.hamilton.edu/college/performingarts.

Women's hockey beats Cortland, 4-0

by Sam Schilling '08
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton women's ice hockey only took the ice once this past week. Away from the friendly confines of Sage Rink, the team dominated play on Tuesday against SUNY Cortland, winning by a score of 4-0.

The squad took to the road to face SUNY Cortland and Hamilton controlled play throughout the contest shutting out the Red Dragons. Zoe Baldwin '06, the senior captain, continued her historic week with a goal that put her first all-time with 90 career goals.

Last week against Bowdoin, Baldwin eclipsed the Hamilton women's hockey all-time points record on an assist and won her 134th career point. Baldwin has truly been phenomenal all year and throughout her entire career. Her scoring as well as her leadership on and off the ice will certainly be sorely missed next year. However for now, Hamiton can count on her down the stretch.

Jess Goldberg '08 led the scoring charge for Hamilton with a goal and two assists, while Kerry Leonard '07 and Kristina Carroll '07 got in the action with a goal each. The defense was led by an outstanding performance from junior goaltender Caitlin Connelly who turned away 17 shots to record her sixth career shutout.

The squad is currently riding a hot streak during the push to the playoffs with a record of 6-2-1 over their last nine games. The team will finish up the regular season with this weekend's home stand. Tonight they face perennial powerhouse Middlebury at 7 p.m. followed by fellow conference foe Williams tomorrow afternoon at 3 p.m.

Men's bball remains atop standings

PHOTO BY DAN WITTENBERG '07

by Jack Maloney '08
SPORTS WRITER

The men's basketball team has continued to stay hot during the course of this past week. They snatched two more league wins and have now won seven straight. The team continued to steamroll as it easily moved past Vassar and Rensselaer. After another solid weekend of play, the Continentals have clinched the right to host this years Liberty League playoff tournament. This is quite an impressive feat as there is still another week left in the season before the playoffs even begin.

Hamilton traveled to Poughkeepsie, New York this past Friday to take on Vassar. The Brewers, however, proved to be no match for the offensive attack of the Continentals. Vassar was outplayed the entire game as Hamilton coasted to an easy 76-60 victory. The Continentals were simply too much for the Brewers.

Phil Valenti '06 continued to show his offensive prowess as he dropped a career high 21 points. Valenti has really emerged this season as someone the team can count on to make the big shot when they need it. Staunton Peck '06 also had a strong game finishing up with 11 points and a game-high nine rebounds. He also showed great poise going 7-8 from the foul line. Nick Jones '07 and Giorgi Chavleishvili '08 also turned in solid performances finishing with 13 and 10 points respectively.

Perhaps the most important stat of the night did not belong to any player. Coach Tobin Anderson won his 100th game in his seven year college coaching career. This is an impressive number and a testament to the hard work he puts in day-in and day-out. With this game behind them the Continentals were going to have to focus on a much more difficult opponent in third place Rensselaer.

The first half of the game against the Red Hawks was nothing short of a dog fight. Both teams played solid basketball on the offensive and defensive sides of the court. Rensselaer just edged out Hamilton and went into halftime leading 31-28.

The second half, however, was an entirely different story. Over the course of the last 20 minutes the Continentals outscored the Red Hawks 49 to 29 and rolled to a 76-60 win. There were four players who ended the day in double-digits. Tim Welchons '06 had a game-high 18 points and tied with Valenti for another game-high as each dished out four assists. Valenti also added 11 points of his own. Jones was at it again, finishing with 14 points to go along with seven rebounds. Tsakane Ngobeni '07 contributed with another double-double, which was the third time he had achieved this accomplishment in his last five games. He reached this feat by scoring 11 points coupled with 12 boards.

The team has continued its solid level of play throughout this entire season. When there has been a quick let down, the next game they were always back on the winning track. There are certain keys to their success that they will have to continue to use going towards the end of the season and into the playoffs.

On what it will take to end the season the way they want, Valenti says, "We're going to have to stay focused. We should be alright if we can continue to play our game and we need our big players to step it up when it matters."

This weekend the Continentals will travel to St. Lawrence on Friday evening and finish up the regular season in Potsdam, NY on Saturday when they take on Clarkson. Then it's back to the Hill the following weekend for the playoffs.

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#12 OSU @ #16 Michigan St., 2/22	Spartans	OSU	OSU	OSU	Spartans
#23 UNC @ #18 NC State, 2/22	Tar Heels	NC State	UNC	UNC	Tar Heels
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Hockey plays #1 Middlebury, #2 Williams this weekend

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by TJ Reynolds '07
SPORTS WRITER

The NESCAC playoff picture is practically wide open right now with the three through eight seeds still undecided. Middlebury (14-2-1 NESCAC, 18-2-2 overall) has clenched the number one spot and Williams (12-3-2 NESCAC, 13-6-2 overall) will place second in the regular season standings. Hamilton, Colby, Amherst, Bowdoin, Trinity and Tufts will be competing for placement in the remaining six spots as they head into the final weekend of the regular season. Of the six teams battling, Hamilton (8-8-1 NESCAC, 10-10-2 overall) has the toughest remaining schedule, as they travel on Friday to take on Middlebury and then they play Williams the next day.

The Continentals hosted the St. Anselm Hawks this past Friday night and, despite having a 3-0 lead midway through the second period, wound up going into overtime with the Hawks, the game ultimately ended 3-3. Jim Nolan '07 added his fourth goal of the season less than four minutes into the game. Sophomores Joe Buteau and Matt Sherban were credited with the assists. Sherban added a goal of his own at the 9:12 mark in the second period. Four minutes later, Andrew Decristoforo '09 made the score 3-0 on a power play goal. St. Anselm answered quickly with a goal of their own just 35 seconds later and cut the deficit to only one goal 44 seconds after that. The Hawks were able to notch their third goal in six minutes with just three seconds left on the clock in the second period. The score remained tied at three the entire way through the third period, sending the game into overtime. Matt Crowson '09 made his thirtieth save of the game, as St. Anselm was only able to attempt one shot in entire overtime period. Hamilton, who attempted six shots in OT, and ultimately out shot the Hawks 43-33, was also unable to put one between the pipes.

The next day, nationally ranked New England College came to Sage Rink to take on our Continentals. Saturday's game was Hamilton's final home game of the season, and before the game the Continental fans showed their appreciation for the commitment to excellence that the senior class has displayed over their four years. Thanks to goals from seniors Gus Katsuras and Jeff Vatour, the Continentals went into the final period with a 2-2 tie. The winning goal came four minutes into the third period as New England College capitalized on a power play opportunity. The Pilgrims added another with a little over half of the period gone and scored again on an empty net to win the game 5-2. Hamilton, as they have been doing all season, out shot the Pilgrims of New England College 38-15 and possessed the puck for twice as long as their opponents.

Coach Grady says that his team has been out-skating and out-working its opponents, and with their talent and ability can beat anyone they face. There have been few occasions where Hamilton has not out-shot their opponents, yet they have not been capitalizing as much as they should be.

Coach Grady is excited that the team has been able to significantly cut down their opponents' shots, saying: "the team has been putting forth the best effort and executing the best out of any [Hamilton] team in quite some time."

The Continentals would love to steal a game this weekend.

Women's bball wraps up

by Chris Schimpf '07
SPORTS WRITER

With two games remaining this season, the women's basketball team will look to disregard the standings and play to their potential in order to end the season positively. Despite having a rough week, there have been many outstanding performances that have shown a lot of promise for not only this weekend, but for next season as well.

Sydney Fasulo '09 was named Liberty League Rookie of the Week, which was well deserved as she scored 24 points and grabbed seven boards in Hamilton's game against RPI on Saturday. By scoring those 24 points, she set the mark for the highest point total this season on the women's team, which is a remarkable feat for a first-year player. In addition, she averaged 18.5 points, six rebounds and one-and-a-half steals in their two games last week.

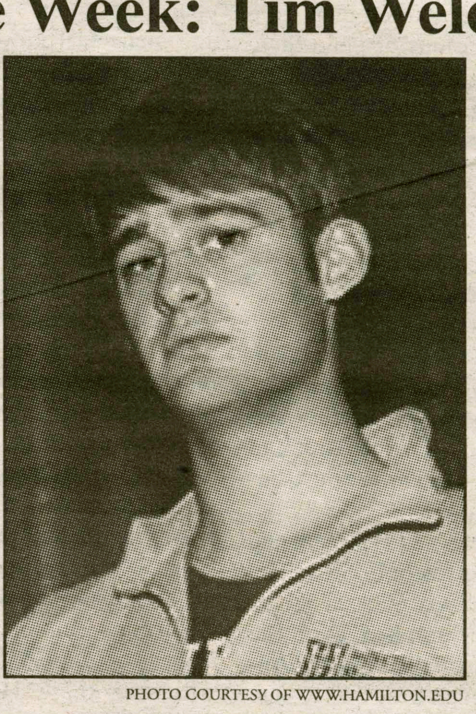
Other strong performances included Pumla Sathula '08 and Jessica Barrows '08 who are having very good seasons as well. Sathula is averaging nine points a game and Barrows is shooting 42 percent from behind the arc. The Continentals will look to continue this strong play this coming weekend, as they will play two in-conference games.

As the team travels to Clarkson and St. Lawrence, they will look to come together to finish off the season on a high note. Clarkson is currently the last ranked team in the Liberty League with a record of 1-11 in conference, while St. Lawrence is currently second in the league at 10-2 in conference. Clearly this weekend will pose different challenges for the women.

Although this year has been difficult, the future looks extremely bright for the Lady Continentals. The team is only graduating two seniors. Also, there are currently no juniors on the squad and eleven freshmen and sophomores. The top three scorers are also young: Fasulo is a freshman, and Sathula and Barrows are sophomores.

For this very tight team, the end to the season will be a challenge, but senior captain Jessie Pisegna '06 says, "While the results may not affect the season's outcome, it will be important to our morale and pride that we play hard and together as a team. I will never give up on this team and they know how much we expect out of them." This is an important sentiment that will carry the team through this weekend and give them momentum for next year. Hopefully the team will land some recruits, which would make them a force to be reckoned with in the 2006-2007 Liberty League.

Athlete of the Week: Tim Welchons '06



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Full name:
Timothy McGregor Welchons II

High school/Hometown:
New Hartford High School/
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Birthday: March 1, 1984

Concentration: Government

Location on Campus:
Farmhouse

Relationship Status:
Dating the fabulous Alison Gaffney.

Sport & Position/Events:
Basketball/ Point Guard

Greatest High School Sports Memory/Achievement:
Making it to the New York State Sectional Finals my sophomore and junior year.

Greatest College Sports Memory/Achievement:
Making it to the NCAA tournament both freshman and sophomore years.

Describe yourself in 3 words:
Bold, aggressive, charismatic.

Favorite Professor(s):
Professor Simon and Professor Adams.

Favorite Celebrity:
Brad Pitt, George Clooney.

Favorite Movie(s):
"Snatch," "Fight Club," "Some Like it Hot."

Favorite Book(s):
"The Da Vinci Code."

Favorite Food:
Late night diner.

Favorite Music:
Country.

Favorite TV Show:
"Seinfeld."

On campus job:
The Cage.

Fondest Hamilton Memory: Spending quality time in the Cage as well as the Pub.

Best Hamilton Party:
Nick Jones' annual Secret Santa Party.

Last Movie You Saw in Theaters:
"Brokeback Mountain."

Elliptical or Treadmill?
Treadmill of course.

If you didn't play basketball, what would you do on campus? Join the ski club.

Anything else the campus should know about you?
I love poetry.

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Squash teams keep plugging along; men 6-2 in Feb.

by Reid Birkett '09
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The Hamilton men's squash team traveled to the University of Rochester last Wednesday in search of their first win since dropping two matches to Colby and Bowdoin at the Yale University Round Robin Tournament the previous weekend. Five Continental's dominated their opponents in individual match play, each winning in three straight games, en route to a 7-2 ousting of the University of Rochester.

Senior Chad Carta earned the 33rd victory of his career in a quick three game match at the five position. Also winning in three games were freshmen John Dewitt, Sander Doucette and Rick Munschauer.

Sophomore squash sensation Andrew Small was also victorious in three games for Hamilton. With the win, Small leads the 23rd ranked Continental's in wins this season with nine. Rick Mayfield '06 and John Frazier '07 sealed the victory for Hamilton, as they each won their respective matches in five games. The win over Rochester restored the Continental's confidence before they traveled to Poughkeepsie, New York to compete in the Vassar Team Challenge.

The Hamilton men's team joined the Continental girl's team in competition at the Vassar Team Challenge this past weekend. The tournament's clever format required the men's and women's teams of each participating college to combine scores and produce an overall team score that would be used to determine the tournament's winner. In the first day of the team challenge, the Hamilton men were met by the Nittany Lions of Penn State University, ranked 36th by the College Squash Association. The Continentals tamed the Nittany Lions with a shutout victory 9-0. The Hamilton men continued tournament play later the same day in a NESCAC duel with Wesleyan University. The 26th ranked Wesleyan Cardinals were no match for the Continentals, who defeated Wesleyan 8-1.

Heading into the final day of play in the Vassar Team Challenge, the Continental's had won three straight matches and looked to extend their winning streak to four. Standing in their way were the Connecticut College Camels.

The Hamilton men's squash team had their work cut out for them in the match against 21st ranked Connecticut College. The Continentals triumphed over the Camels in a nail biter: 5-4. Carta and Anthony Bardaro '07 each beat their Conn. College opponents in three games, while senior Rick Mayfield was victorious in four games. Freshmen John DeWitt and Rick Munschauer were resilient in outlasting their opponents in five games to capture victories for the Continentals.

Unfortunately, the Continental women were unable to mirror the successes of the men's team, and the combined team score for Hamilton College earned them runner-up honors at the Vassar Team Challenge.

Four Hamilton players showcased their talents during the team's undefeated weekend at the Vassar Team Challenge by winning all three of their matches. At the number one position, Bardaro went 3-0, increasing his season wins to seven. Carta was also undefeated over the weekend at the five position. The Rick twins, Rick Mayfield and Rick Munschauer, were exceptional at the six and eight position. The elder twin, Rick Mayfield, won his three matches and now has 22 career wins for the Continental's. First year player Rick Munschauer, the "little Rick", won all three of his matches at the Vassar Team Challenge, and has won his last four consecutive matches. Munschauer was honored by the Liberty League as Rookie of the Week for his super play from the eight position in wins over the University of Rochester and Vassar College.

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The squash team is preparing for the CSA team championships at Princeton.

Mayfield commented on the performance of fellow red haired twin Rick Munschauer, "If things don't work out for Munchy (Munschauer) on the squash court, I am confident that his charming good looks and intellectual prowess will be too powerful a combination for anyone to turn down." Interestingly enough, the Continentals have won five consecutive matches since shaving their raggedy mustaches. With the mustaches, the Continentals were a dismal 2-4.

Munschauer spoke about the team's decision to shave their mustaches, "We were failing both on the squash court and on Saturday nights."

Munschauer went on to say, "It was a unanimous decision by the team, and rather than the graceful strokes of our racquets, I believe it was the gentle strokes of our razors that returned us (the team) to success." Maybe it was the reversal of the mustache curse, or maybe it was the team's strong play that caused the team to win their last four matches; we will never know. However, we do know that the Continentals' next tournament is the New England Small College Athletic Conference tournament.

The three-day tournament began on Friday, February 10 at both Trinity College and Wesleyan University. The Continentals entered the NESCAC Invitational as the eight seed with a season record of eleven wins and ten losses. The first obstacle for the Hamilton men's team on their quest for a championship was the oh-so-familiar Camels of Connecticut College. It had only been five days since the two teams squared off in the Vassar Team Challenge, with Hamilton the eventual winner of a nerve-racking 5-4 edging of the Camels. Things were not much different in the Continentals vs. Camels' round two bout, as Hamilton won once again by a score of 5-4.

The eight seeded Continentals continued along their quest on Saturday where they were faced with a daunting obstacle: the top seeded Trinity College Bantams on their home courts. The Bantam's have not lost a College Squash Association (CSA) dual match since 1999, and have reigned as CSA champions since 1998. Featuring a smorgasbord of ethnicity, the Trinity Bantams are led by tri-captains, senior Yvain Shafiq Badan of Switzerland (2002-03,04 2nd team All-American), senior Colgate Smith from Oyster Bay, New York (2003-04 Collegiate Doubles Champion), and junior Jacques Swanepoel who is far from home, which is in South Africa (2004-05 2nd team All-American).

The clean shaven Continental men were proven inferior by the score of 8-1. Small, the lone winner of the match, degraded his opponent at the seven position in three games, even blanking the Bantams, 9-0 in the second game of his match.

Unfortunately for the Continentals, this was the only bright spot of the Saturday afternoon showdown with Trinity. The quest had come to an end for the men at the expense of the Bantam men's team, which interestingly represents, including the United States, seven different nations. Trinity's seven nation army features India, Switzerland, Sweden, Zimbabwe, Brazil and South Africa.

The discouraged Hamilton men had to regroup following their loss and begin to prepare for their consolation match that evening versus the Polar Bears of Bowdoin College. The fourth seeded Polar Bears cruised to a 9-0 win over the sulking Continentals.

The following day snow covered nearly all of the east coast, causing Hamilton's seventh place consolation match with Colby College to be canceled due to the nasty weather conditions.

The Continentals will wrap up the 2005-06 season at the College Squash Association's Team Championships in Princeton, New Jersey. CSA Team Championship play is scheduled to begin on Friday at the L. Stockwell Jadwin Gymnasium of Princeton University, which boasts ten international sized courts with spectator galleries; even more impressive is the spectacular glass enclosed court, nicely equipped with its own spectator gallery capable of comfortably seating 175 people.